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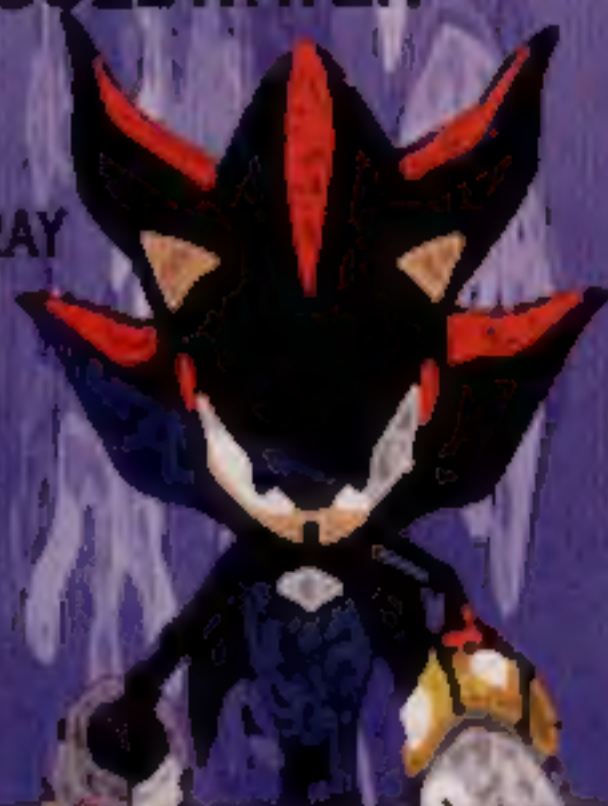
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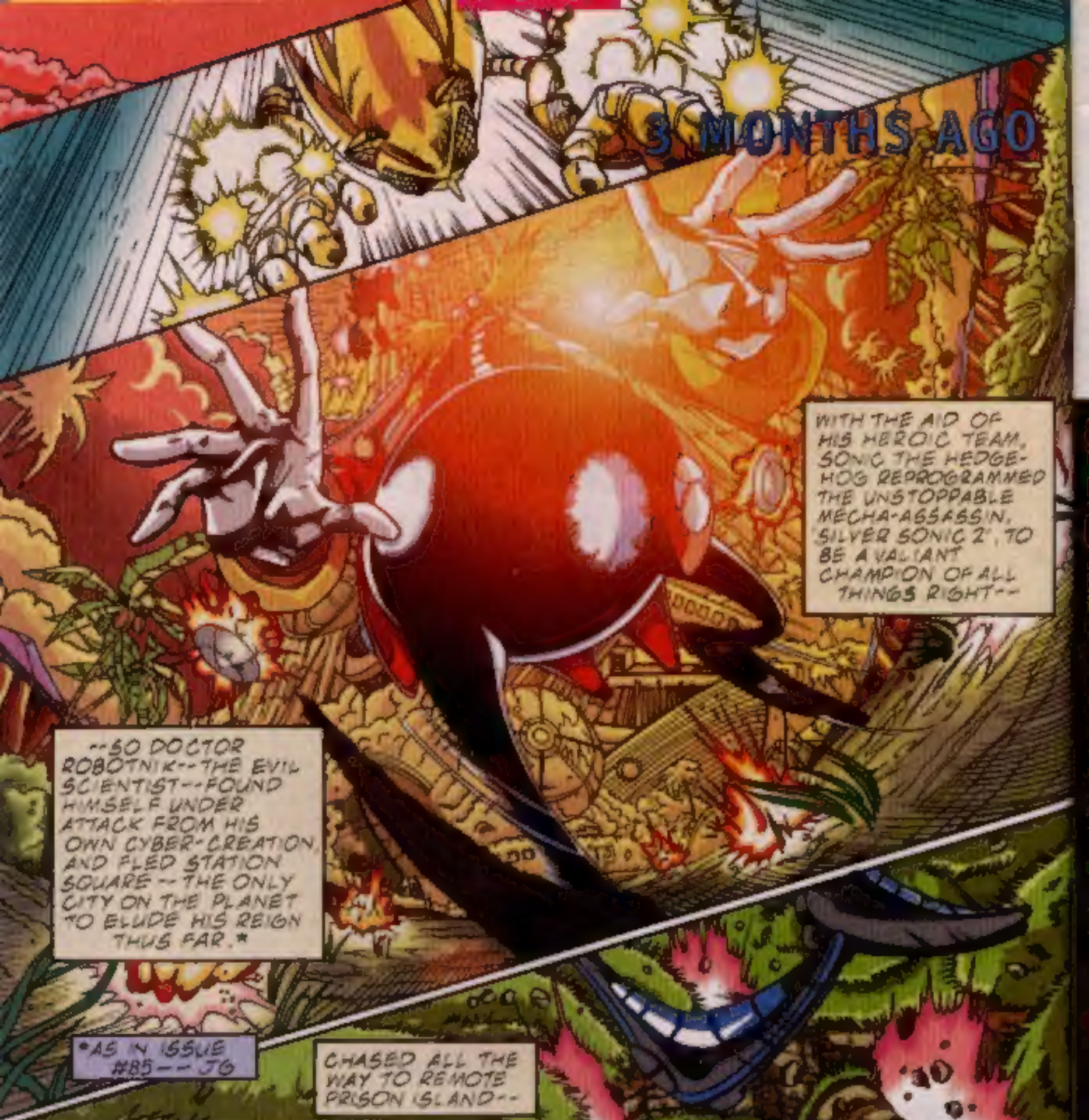
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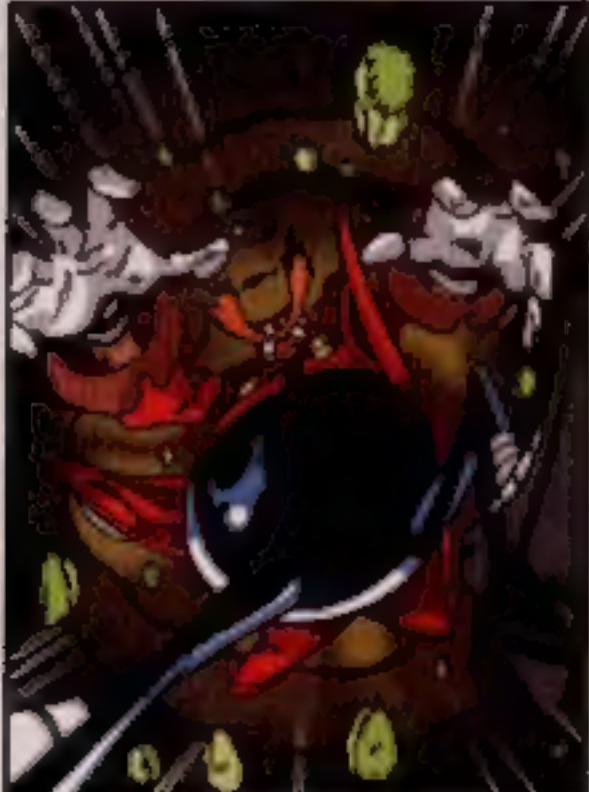
3 MONTHS AGO

WITH THE AID OF HIS HEROIC TEAM, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG REPROGRAMMED THE UNSTOPPABLE MECHA-ASSASSIN, 'SILVER SONIC 2', TO BE A VALIANT CHAMPION OF ALL THINGS RIGHT--

--SO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--THE EVIL SCIENTIST--FOUND HIMSELF UNDER ATTACK FROM HIS OWN CYBER-CREATION, AND FLED STATION SQUARE--THE ONLY CITY ON THE PLANET TO ELUDE HIS REIGN THUS FAR.*

*AS IN ISSUE #85--JG

CHASED ALL THE WAY TO REMOTE PRISON ISLAND--



--IT APPEARED THE LUNATIC EGGMAN HAD BEFALLEN A GHASTLY FATE.

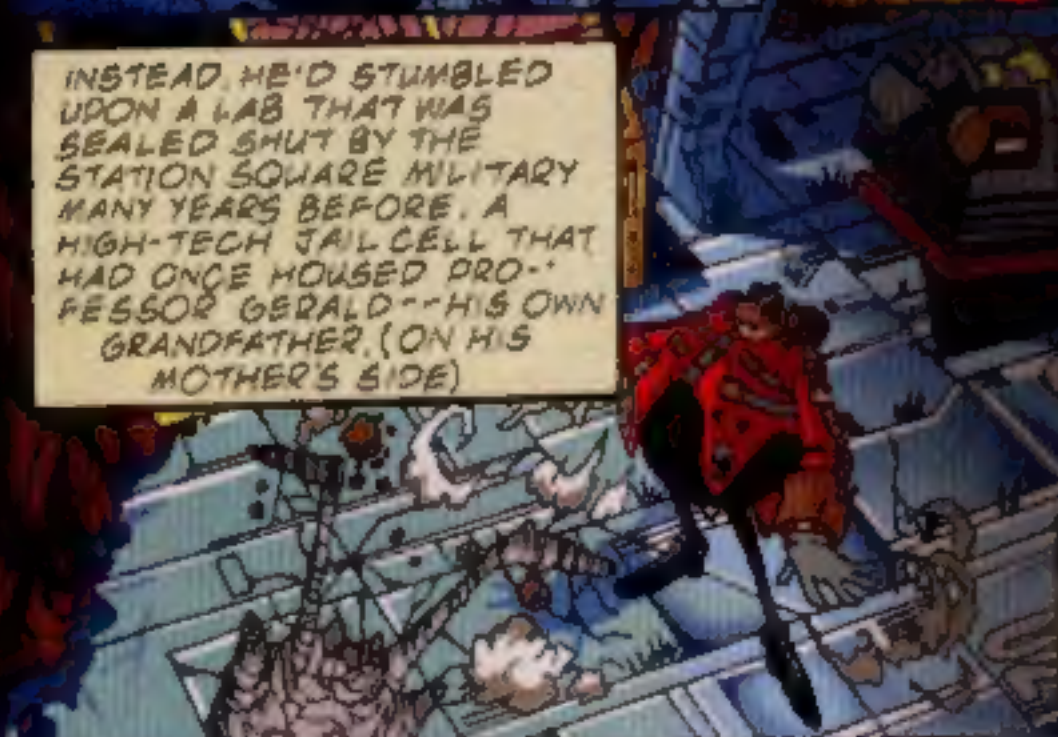




BUT THAT
ASSUMPTION--



--WAS GREATLY
EXAGGERATED.



INSTEAD, HE'D STUMBLED
UPON A LAB THAT WAS
SEALED SHUT BY THE
STATION SQUARE MILITARY
MANY YEARS BEFORE. A
HIGH-TECH JAIL CELL THAT
HAD ONCE HOUSED PRO-
FESSOR GERALD--HIS OWN
GRANDFATHER. (ON HIS
MOTHER'S SIDE)

HE'D DISCOVERED THIS
INFORMATION IN A DATA
ENTRY LOG WHICH HAD
ONCE BELONGED TO
GERALD HIMSELF--



--A SECRET JOURNAL
CONTAINING THE
DESTRUCTIVE DESIGNS
OF A DISTORTED
GENIUS.



...BUT IN AN INSTANT,
HIS LUCK HAD ABOUT-
FACED.

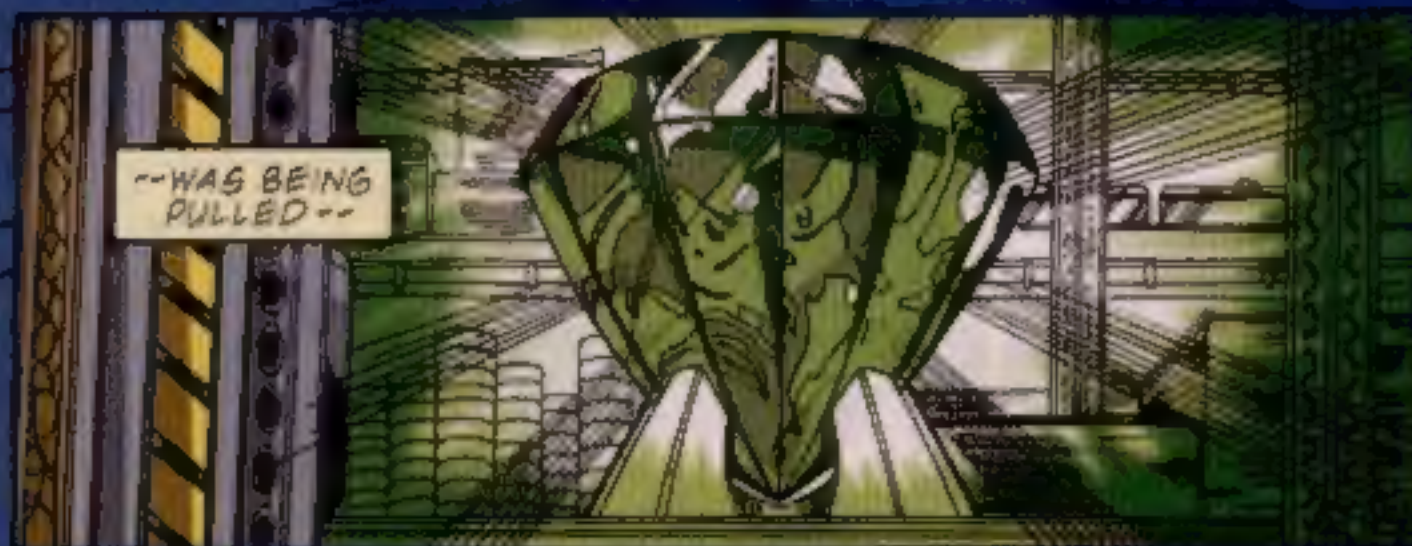
ROBOTNIK HAD BEEN
MADE TO AGAIN LOOK
FOOLISH BY THE
MEDDLESOME SONIC...

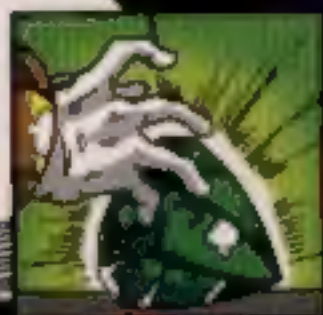
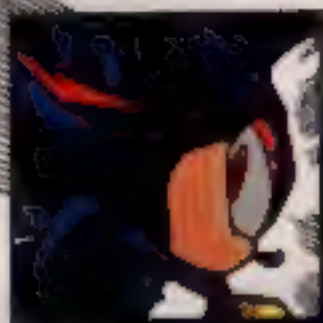


HE'D FOUND THE
PERFECT WAY TO
ENSURE ULTIMATE
RULERSHIP OVER
STATION SQUARE
WHILE SIMULTA-
NEOUSLY EXACTING
REVENGE ON HIS
GREATEST FOE.

IT WOULD,
HOWEVER, TAKE
SOME TIME.

1 WEEK AGO





THE CASE WAS
ASSIGNED TO
DETECTIVE J.J.
MOTO WHO KNEW,
BASED ON THE
NATURE OF THE
MERCHANDISE
STOLEN--

--WE DIDN'T HAVE
VERY LONG TO
SOLVE THIS
PARTICULAR MYSTERY.

AS THE TOP
INVESTIGATOR
ON THE FORCE--

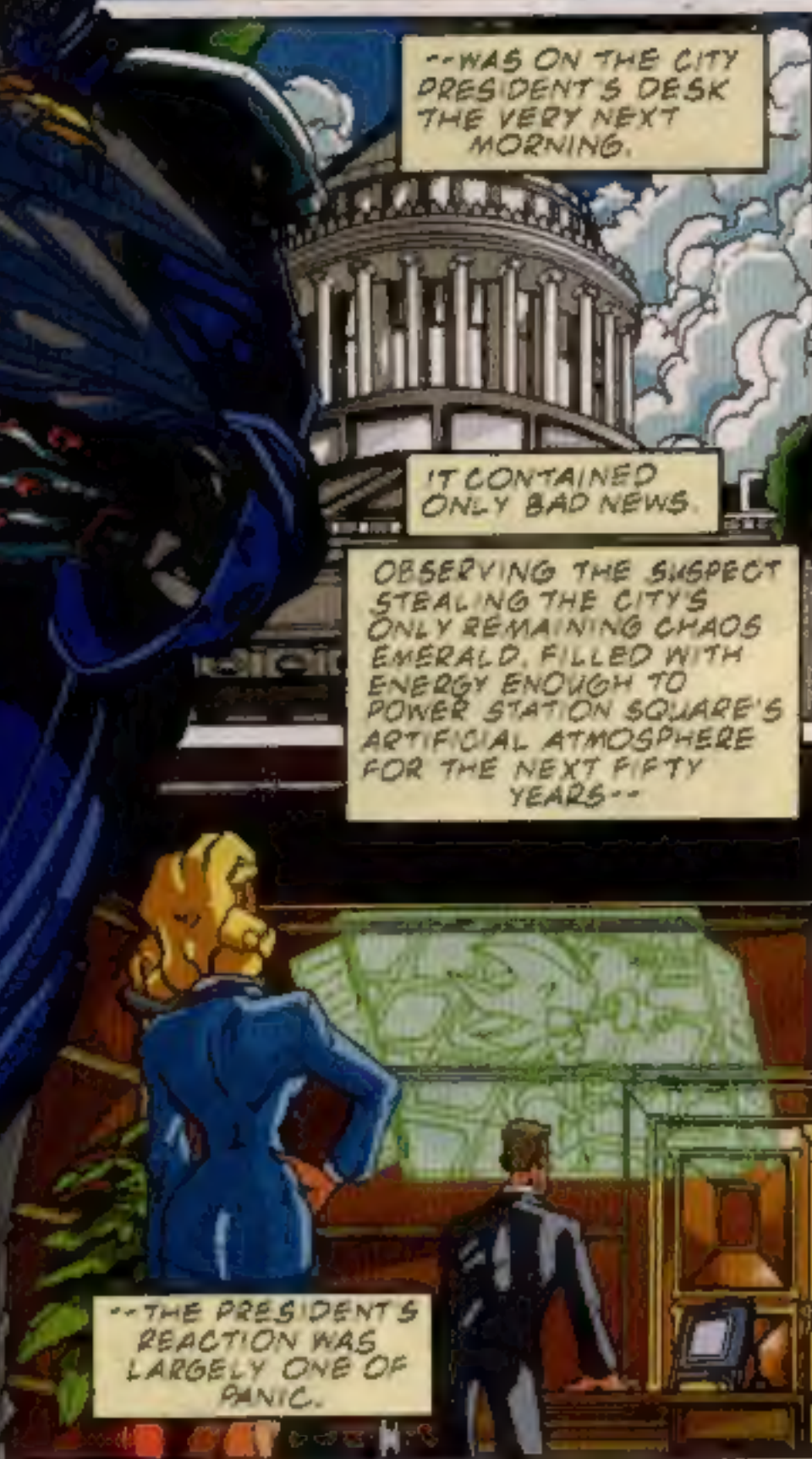
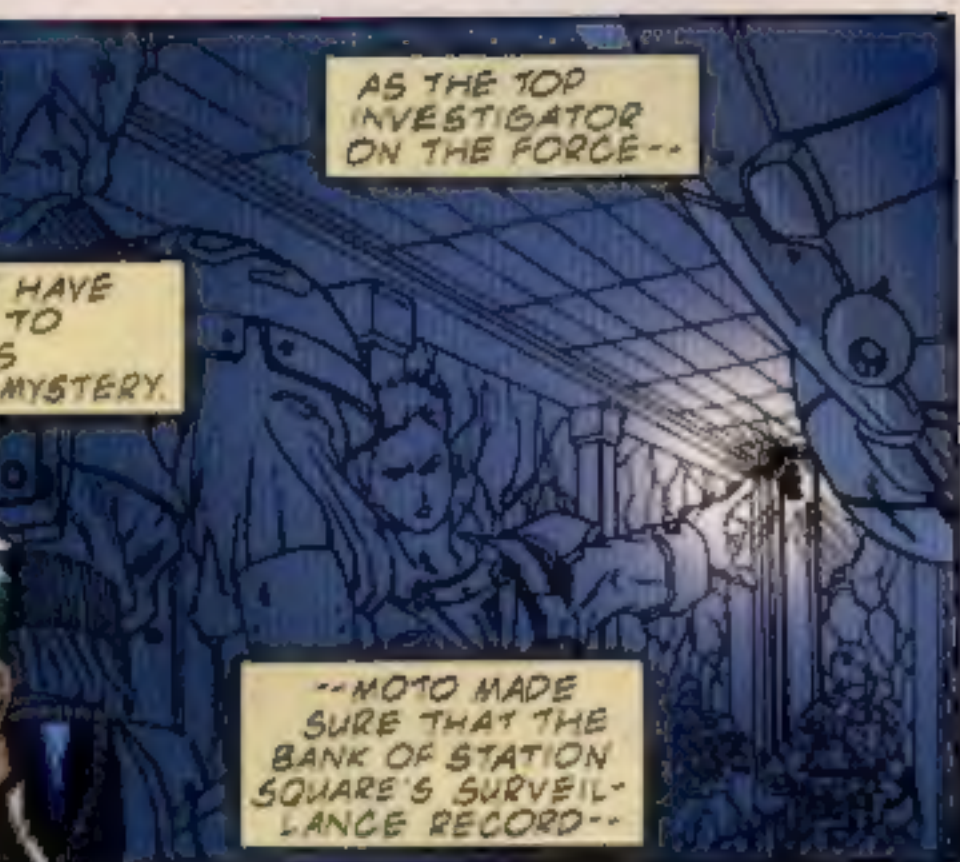
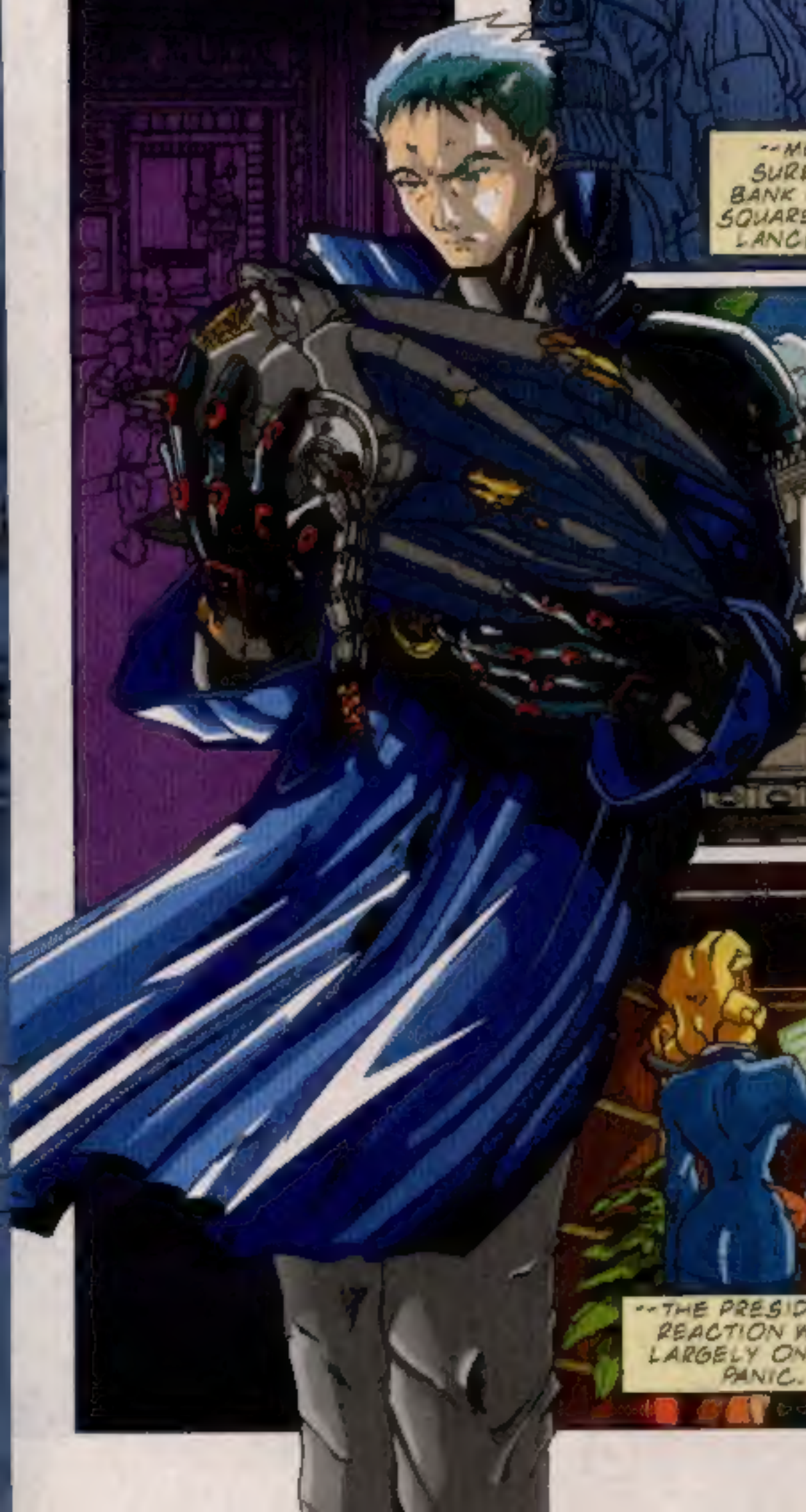
--MOTO MADE
SURE THAT THE
BANK OF STATION
SQUARE'S SURVEIL-
LANCE RECORD--

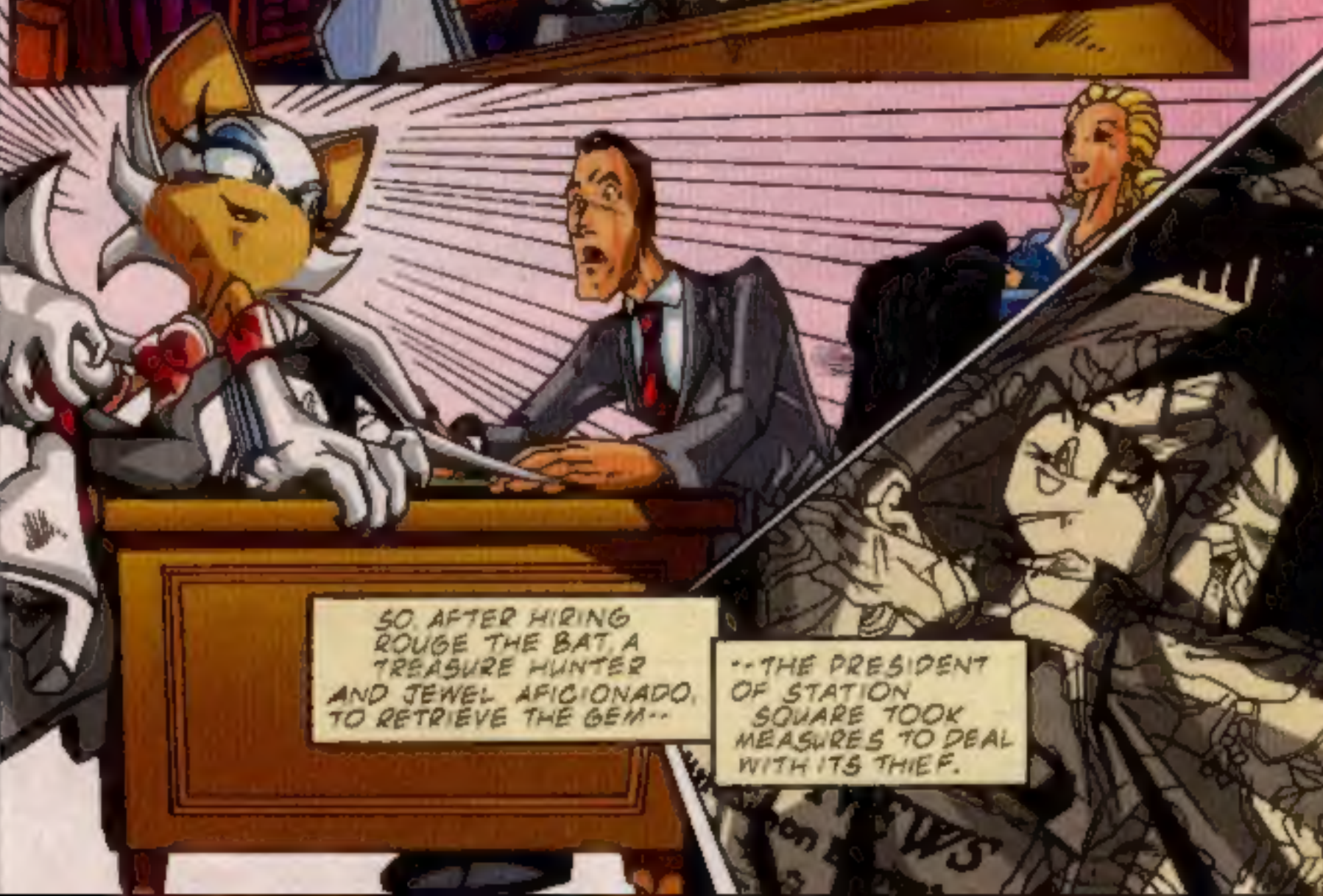
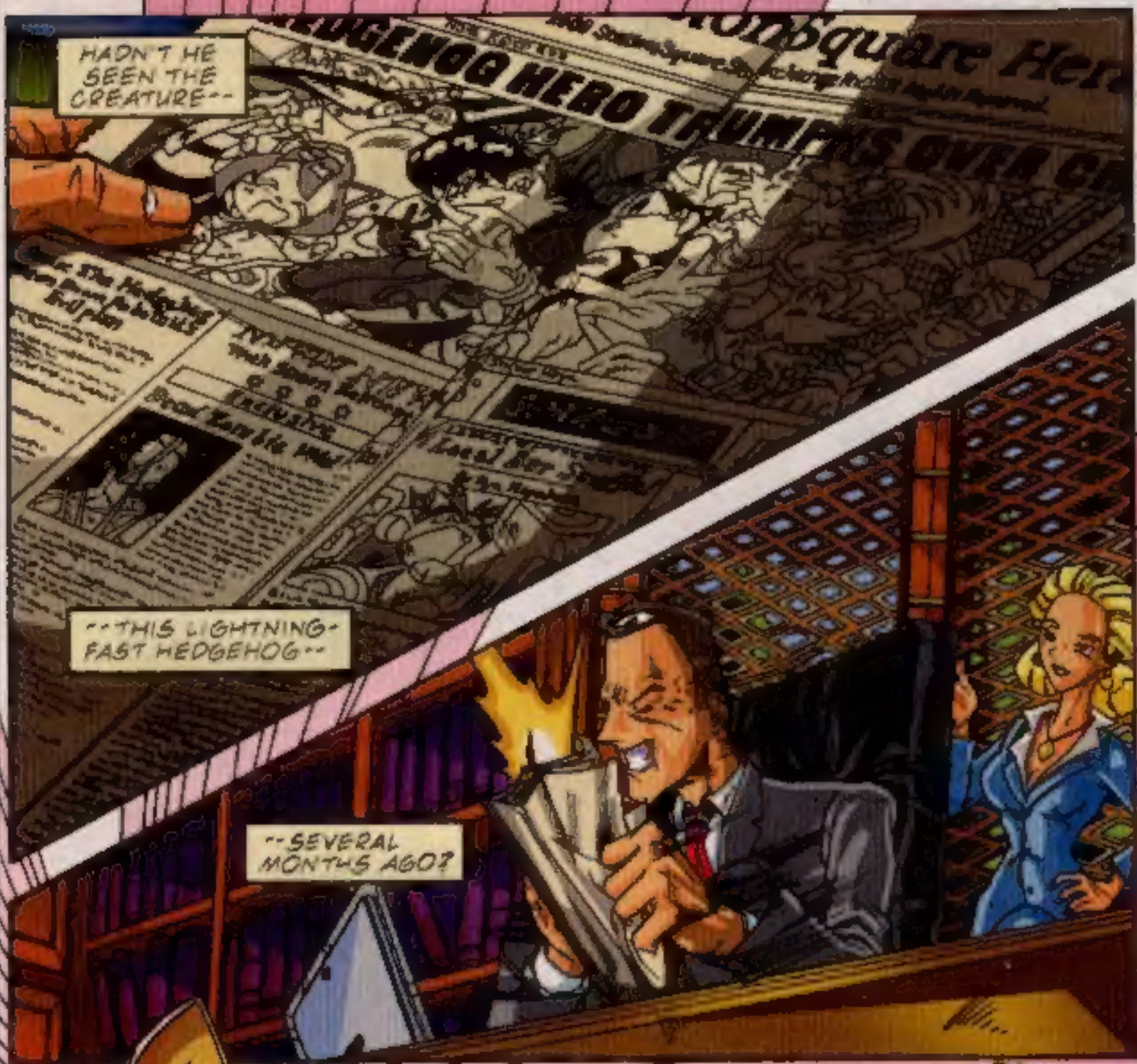
--WAS ON THE CITY
PRESIDENT'S DESK
THE VERY NEXT
MORNING.

IT CONTAINED
ONLY BAD NEWS.

OBSERVING THE SUSPECT
STEALING THE CITY'S
ONLY REMAINING CHAOS
EMERALD, FILLED WITH
ENERGY ENOUGH TO
POWER STATION SQUARE'S
ARTIFICIAL ATMOSPHERE
FOR THE NEXT FIFTY
YEARS--

--THE PRESIDENT'S
REACTION WAS
LARGELY ONE OF
PANIC.





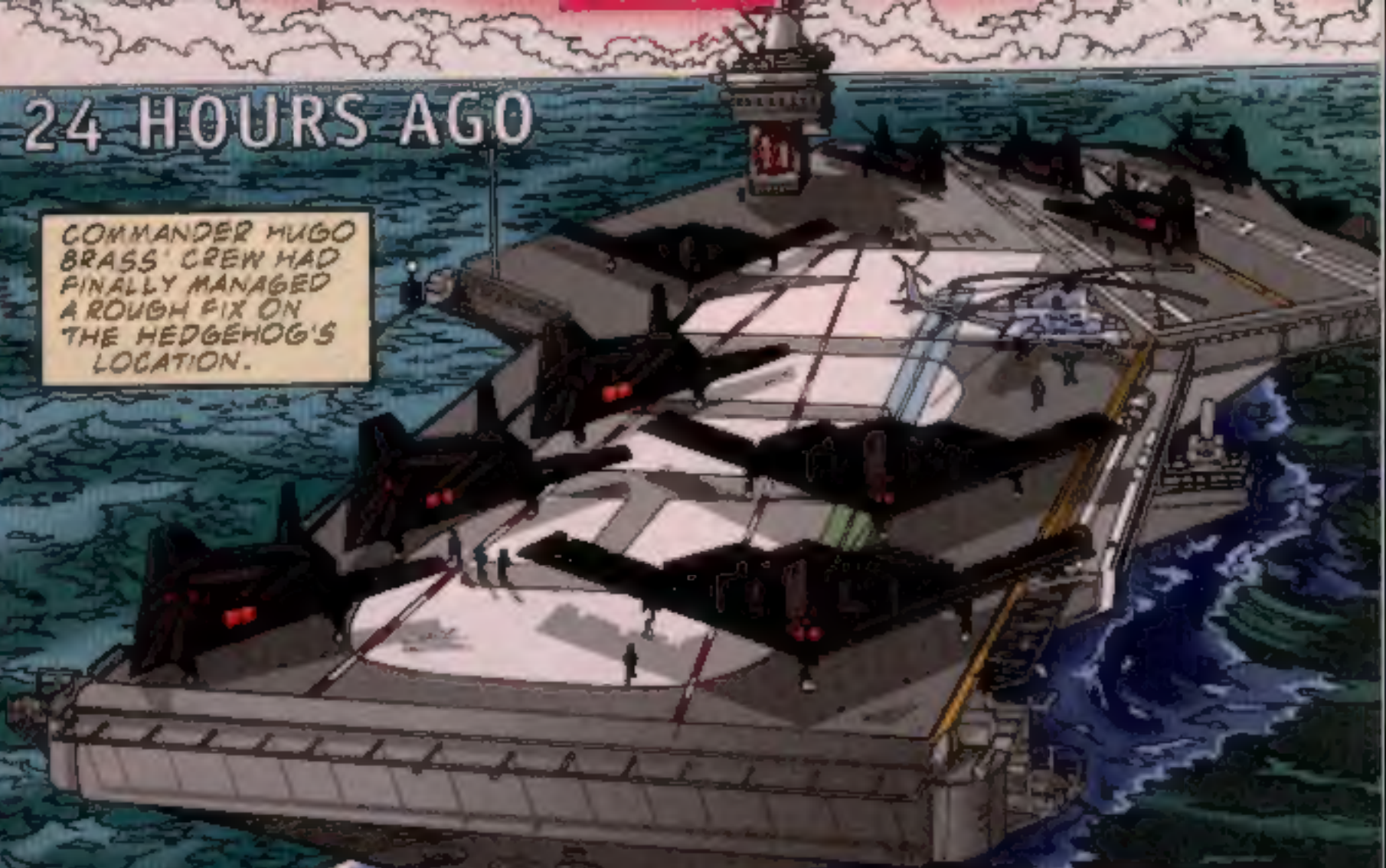
24 HOURS AGO

COMMANDER HUGO BRASS' CREW HAD FINALLY MANAGED A ROUGH FIX ON THE HEDGEHOG'S LOCATION.

AGAINST ANY OTHER TARGET, THAT WOULD'VE BEEN THE HARDEST PART--NOT SO WITH THIS ONE.

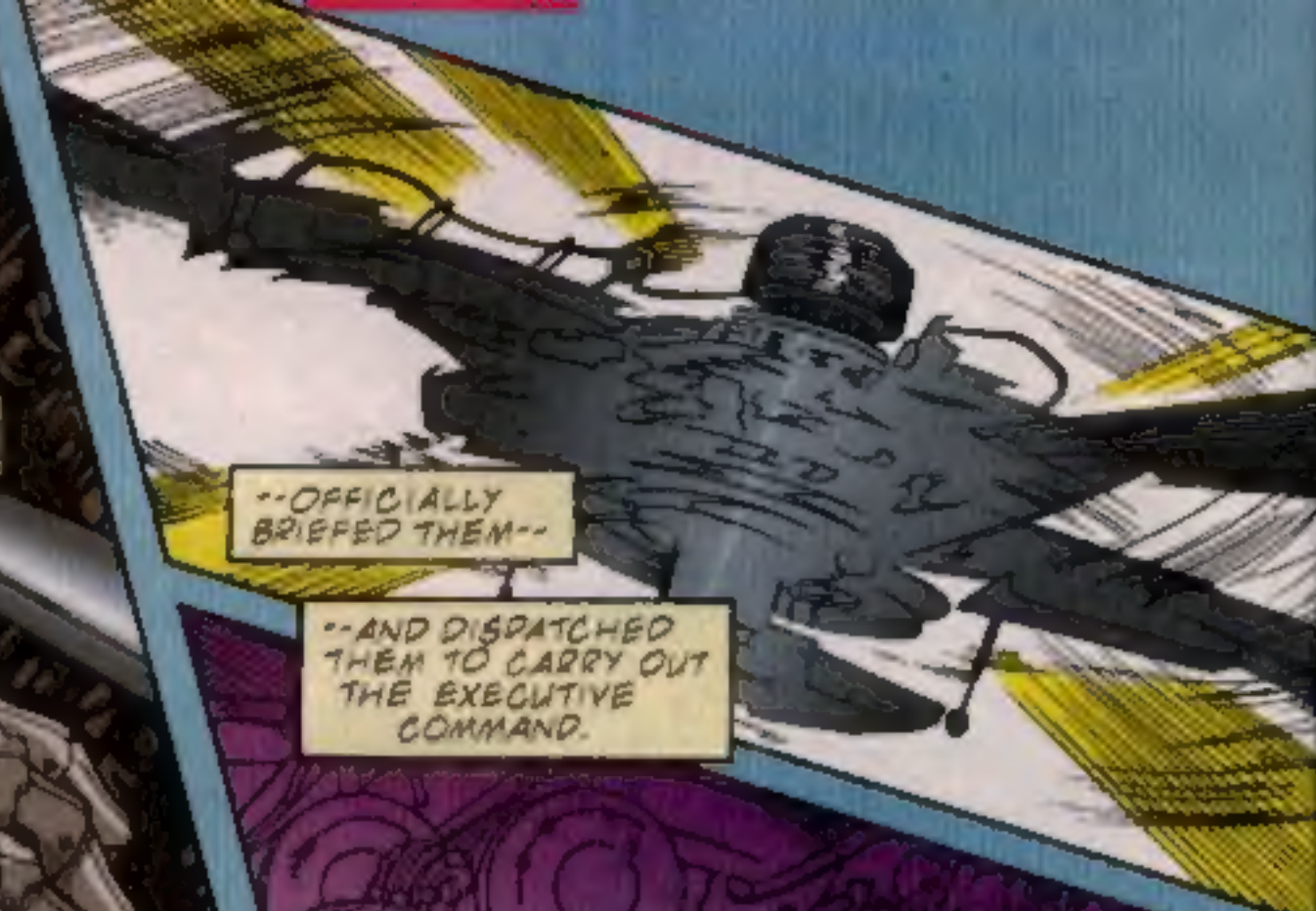
SO BRASS CALLED FOR THE FINEST--

--AND GOT PALADIN TEAM, SIGMA ALPHA-2. THEY HIRED THEM--





--ARMED
THEM--



--OFFICIALLY
BRIEFED THEM--



--AND DISPATCHED
THEM TO CARRY OUT
THE EXECUTIVE
COMMAND.



THAT WAS
YESTERDAY.



NOW

FREEZE
HEDGEHOGS.
YOU'RE COMING
WITH US

HAVE
WE MET?

BOOM

YOU'D THINK
I'D REMEMBER
YOU GUYS ON
TELE

GO TO?

WHERE'D

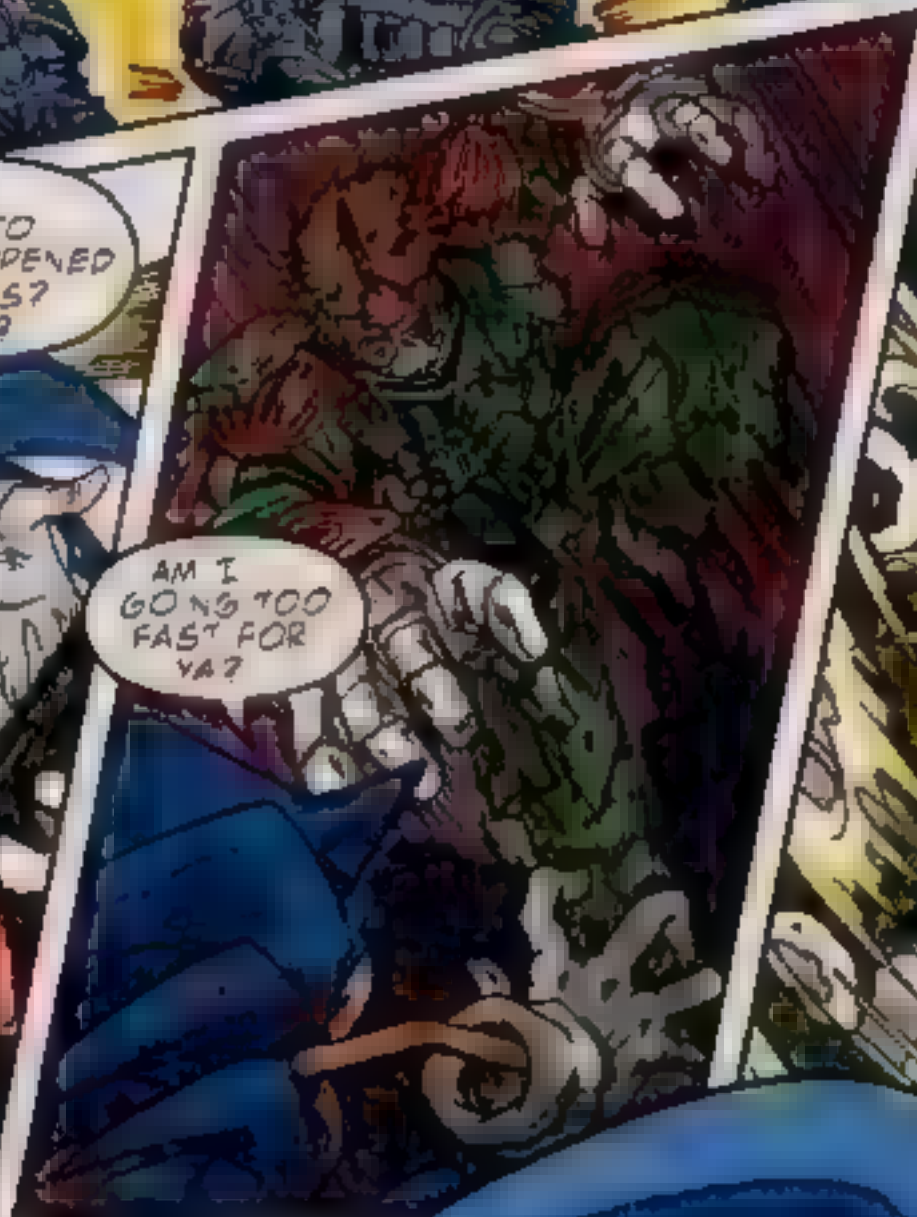
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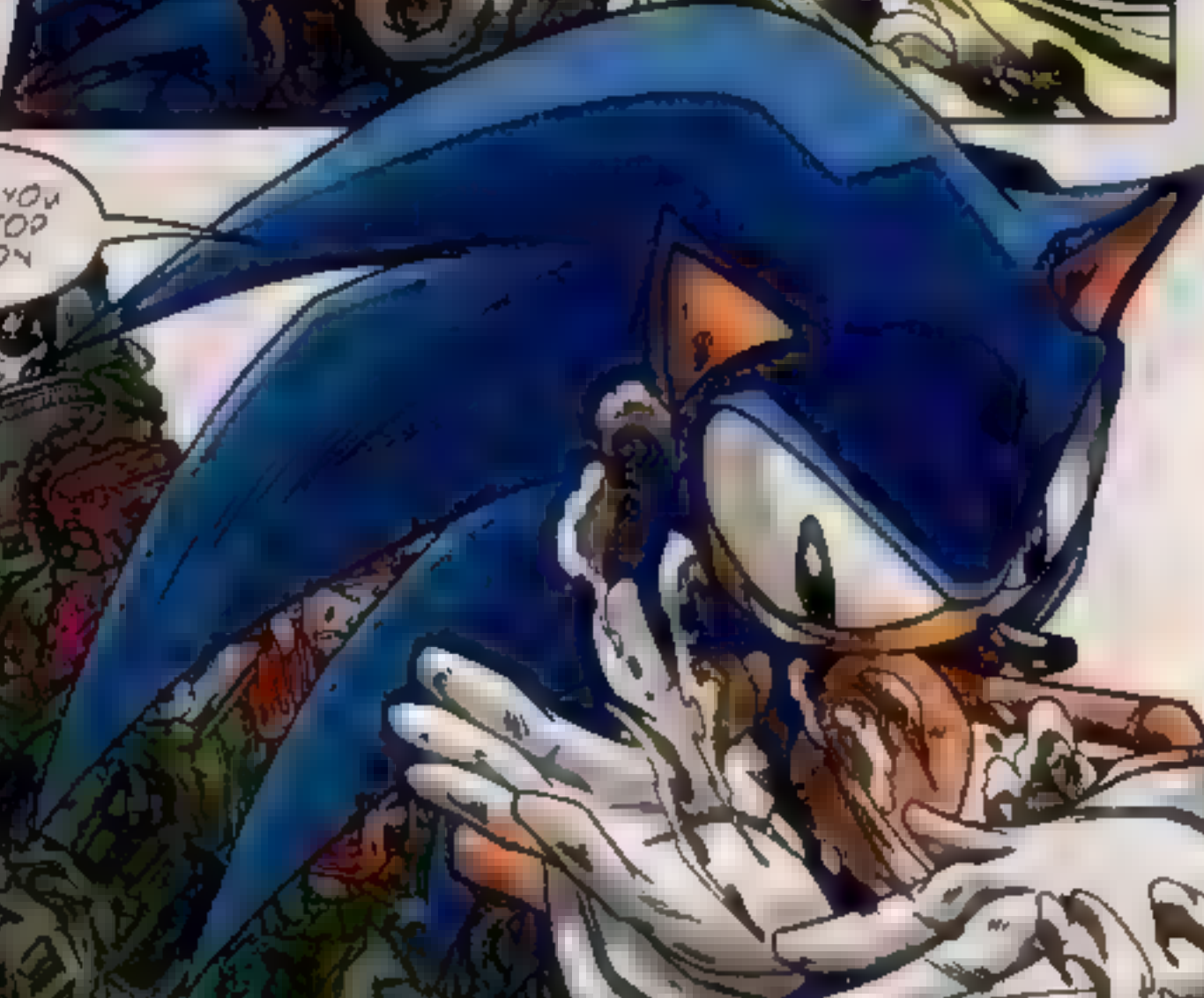
WOULDN'T
IT BE BETTER TO
ASK WHAT HAPPENED
TO OUR GUNS?
INSTEAD?



AM I
GOING TOO
FAST FOR
YA?



DUDES--
YA GOTTA TELL
ME THESE
THINGS!

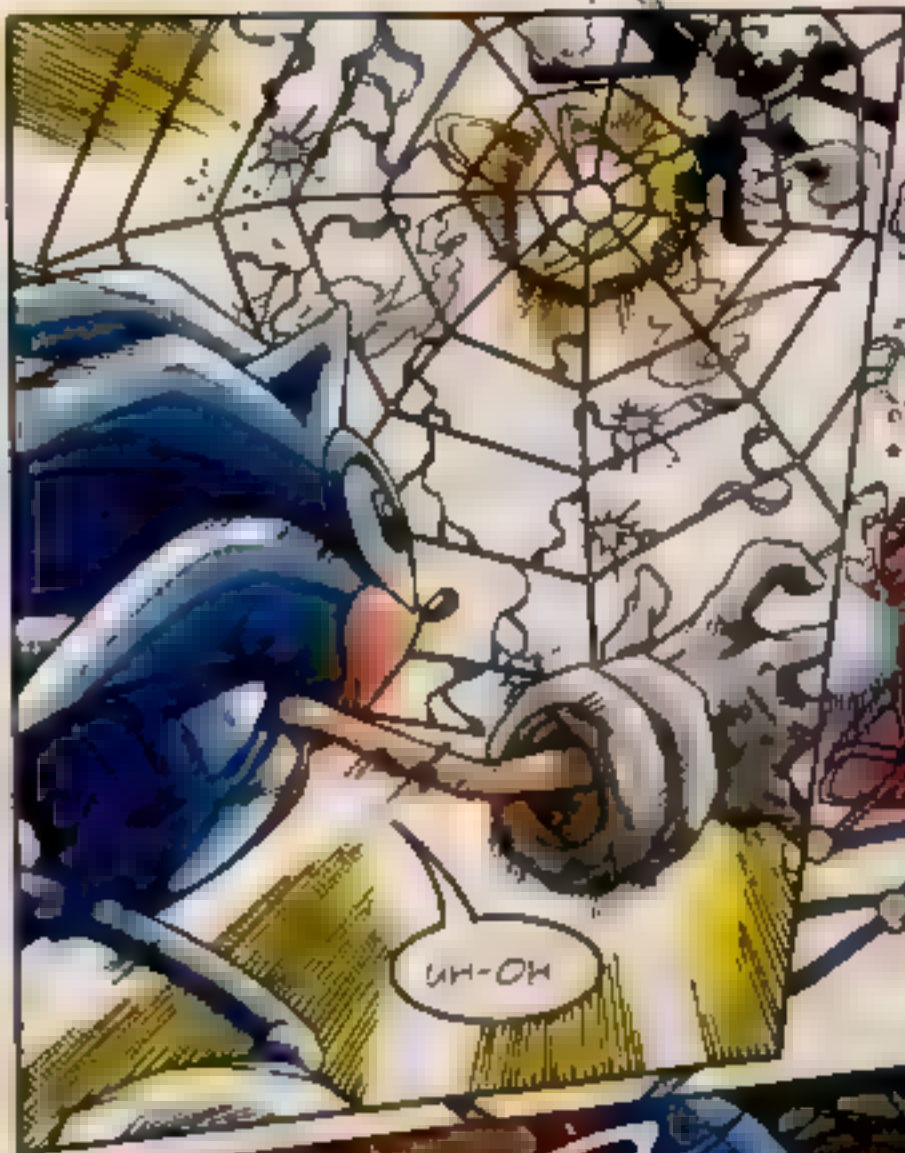


IT'D BE WAY
EMBARRASSING IF YOU
DIDN'T STAY ON TOP
OF THE SITUATION
RIGHT?



WHERE'D

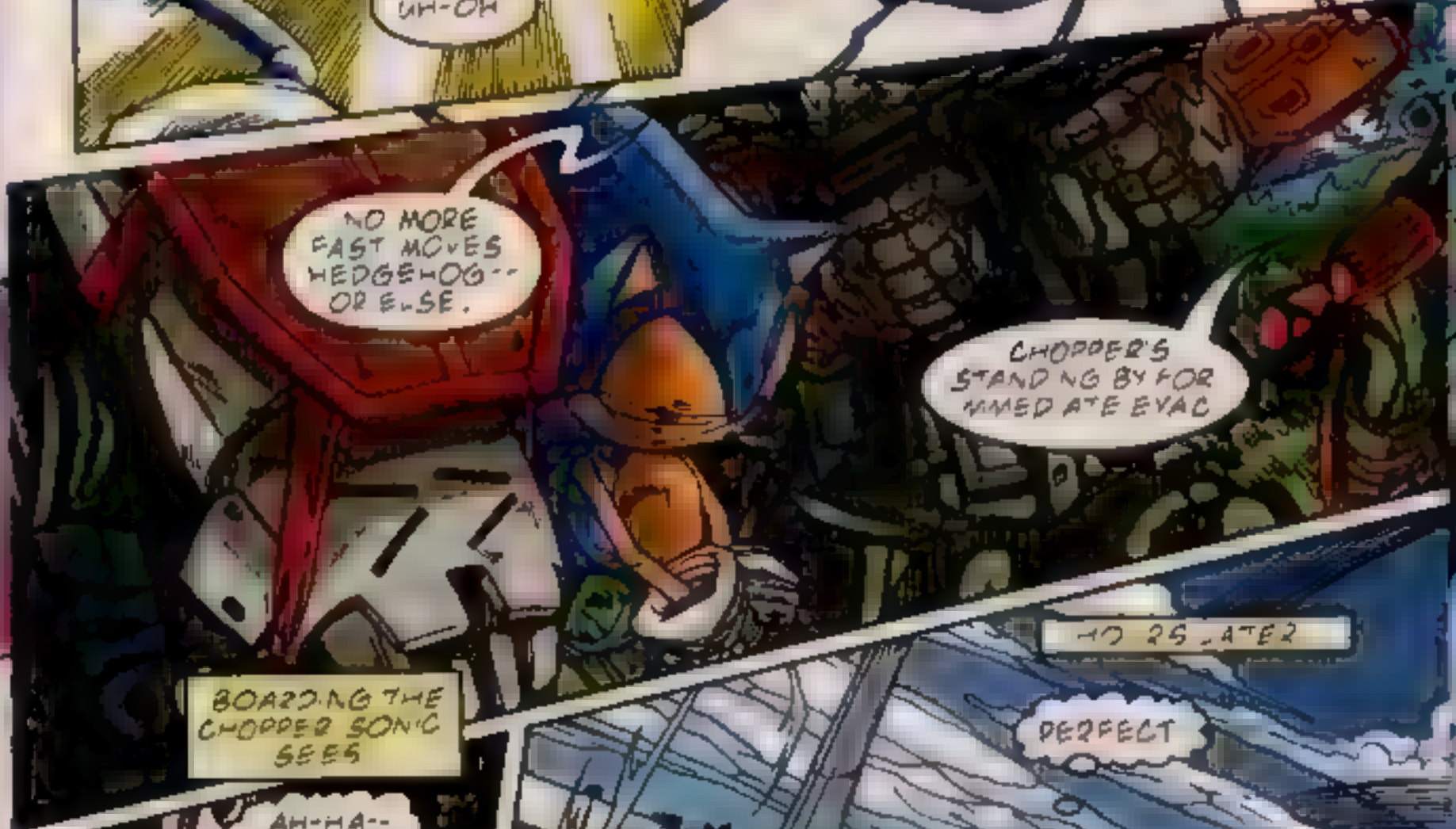
GO
TO?



UH-OH



YEEAARRGHH!

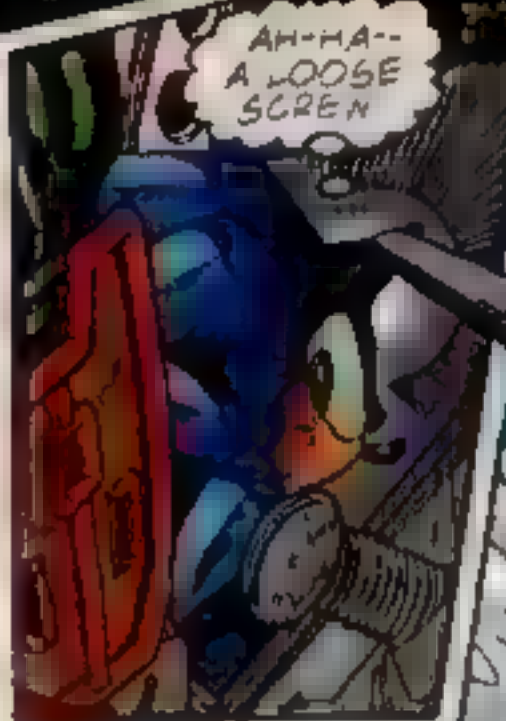


NO MORE
FAST MOVES
HEDGEHOG--
OR ELSE.

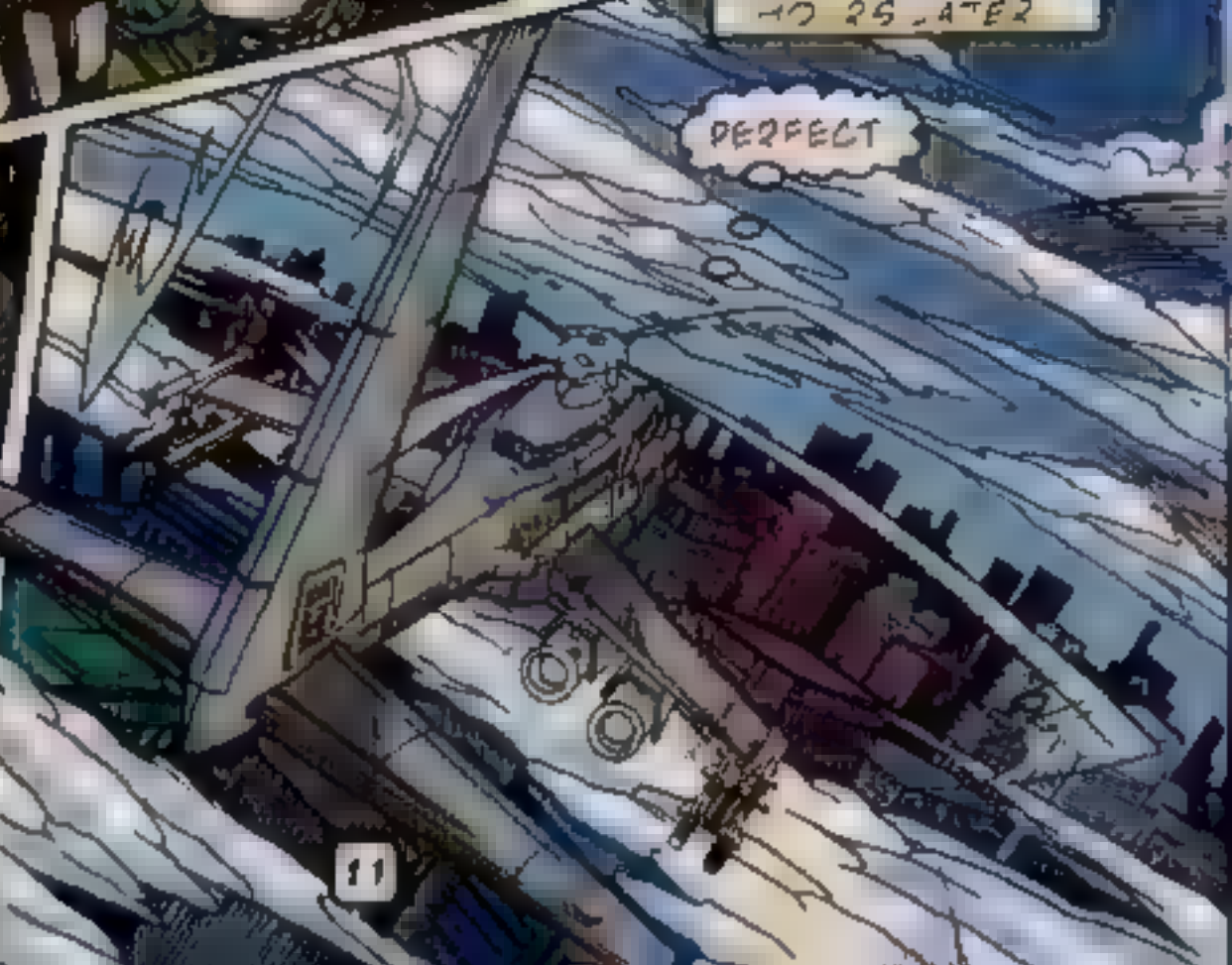
CHOPPER'S
STANDING BY FOR
IMMEDIATE EVAC

BOARDING THE
CHOPPER SONIC
SEES

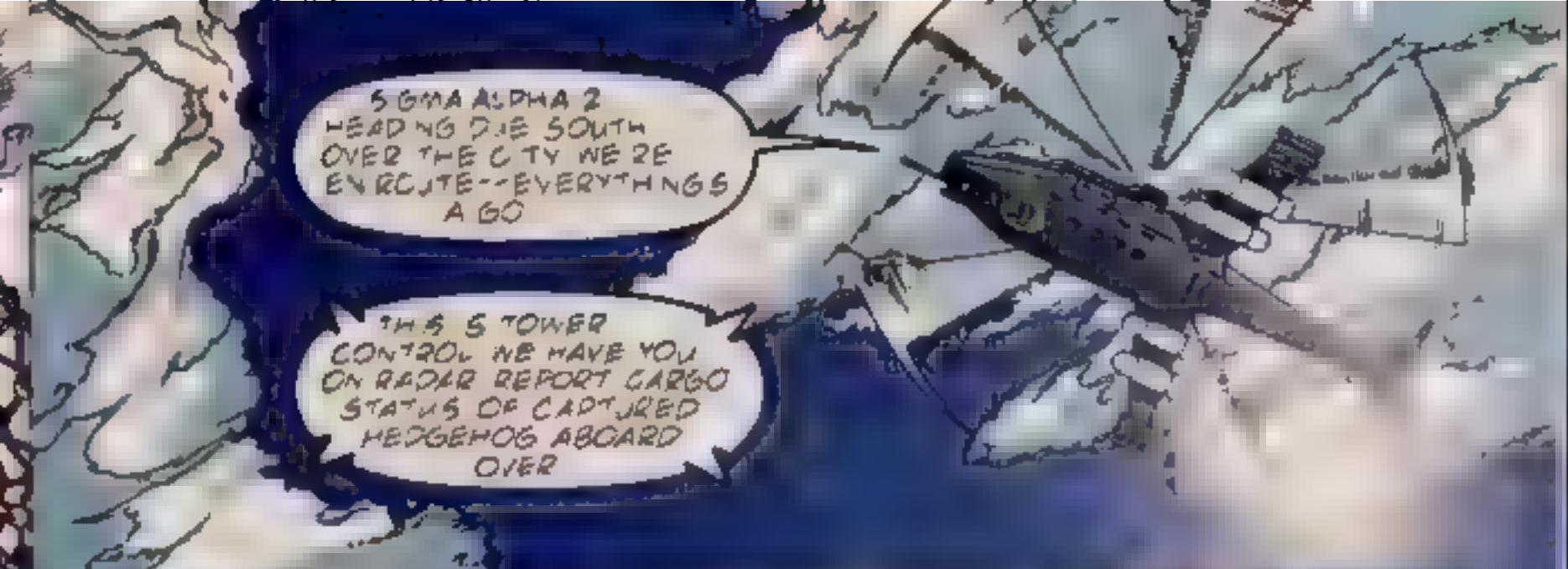
10 25 LATER



AH-HA--
A LOOSE
SCREEN

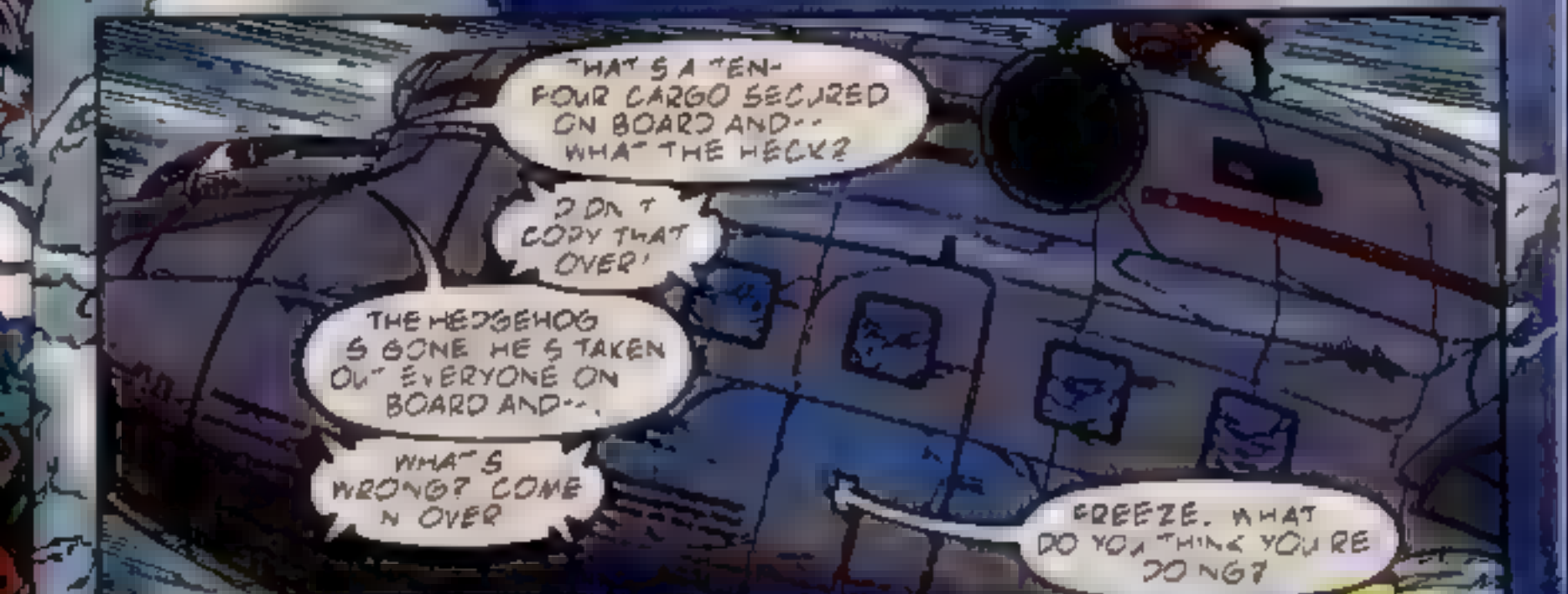


PERFECT



SIGMA ALPHA 2
HEADING DUE SOUTH
OVER THE CITY WE'RE
ENROUTE--EVERYTHING'S
A GO

THIS IS TOWER
CONTROL WE HAVE YOU
ON RADAR REPORT CARGO
STATUS OF CAPTURED
HEDGEHOG ABOARD
OVER



THAT'S A TEN-
FOUR CARGO SECURED
ON BOARD AND--
WHAT THE HECK?

I DON'T
COPY THAT
OVER!

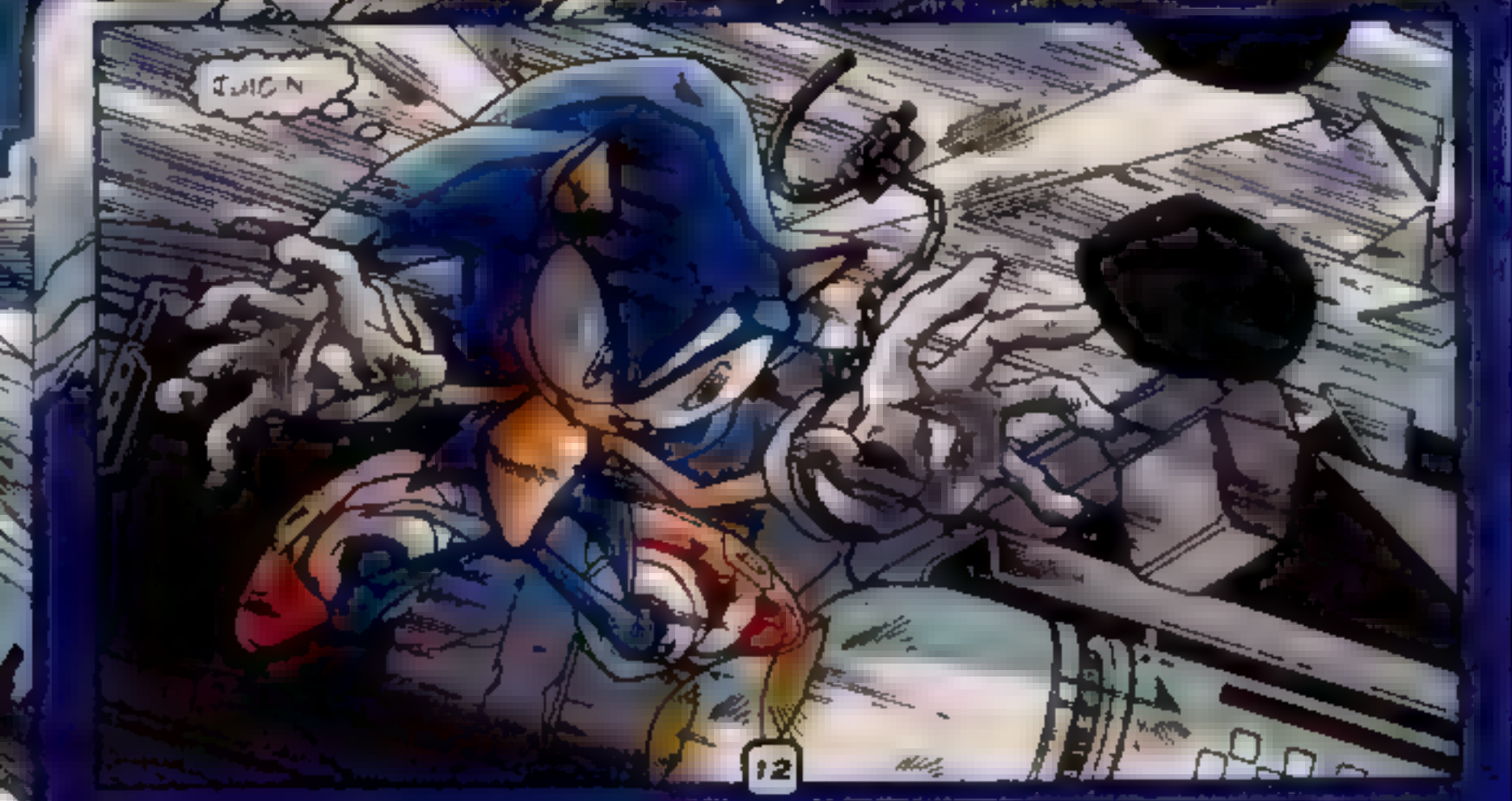
THE HEDGEHOG
IS GONE HE'S TAKEN
OUT EVERYONE ON
BOARD AND--

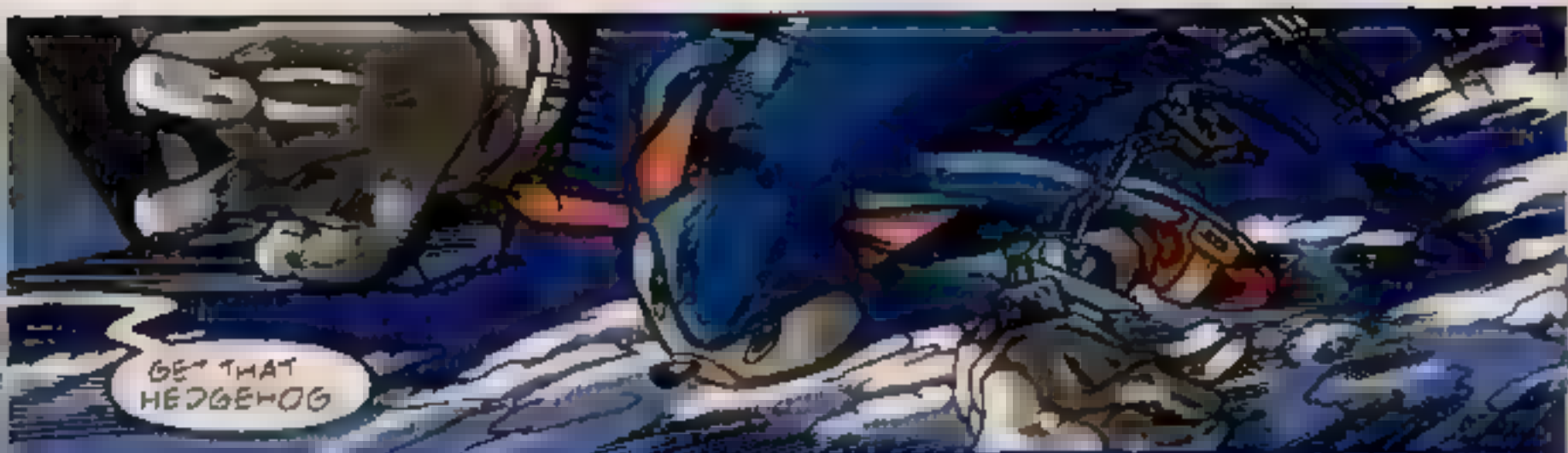
WHAT'S
WRONG? COME
IN OVER

FREEZE. WHAT
DO YOU THINK YOU'RE
DOING?



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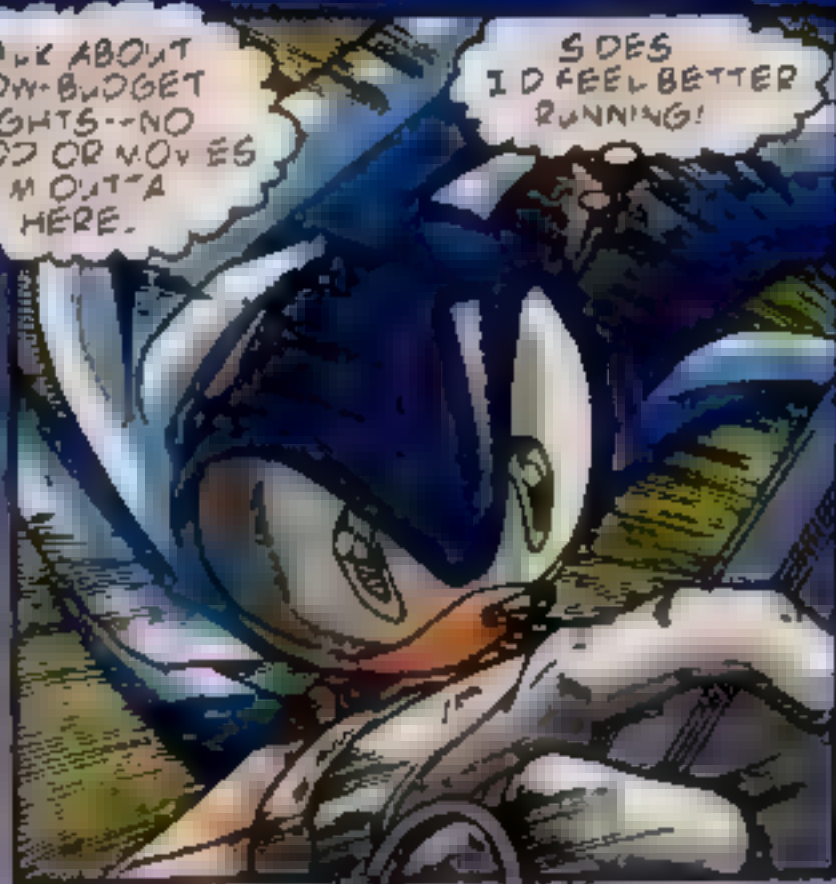




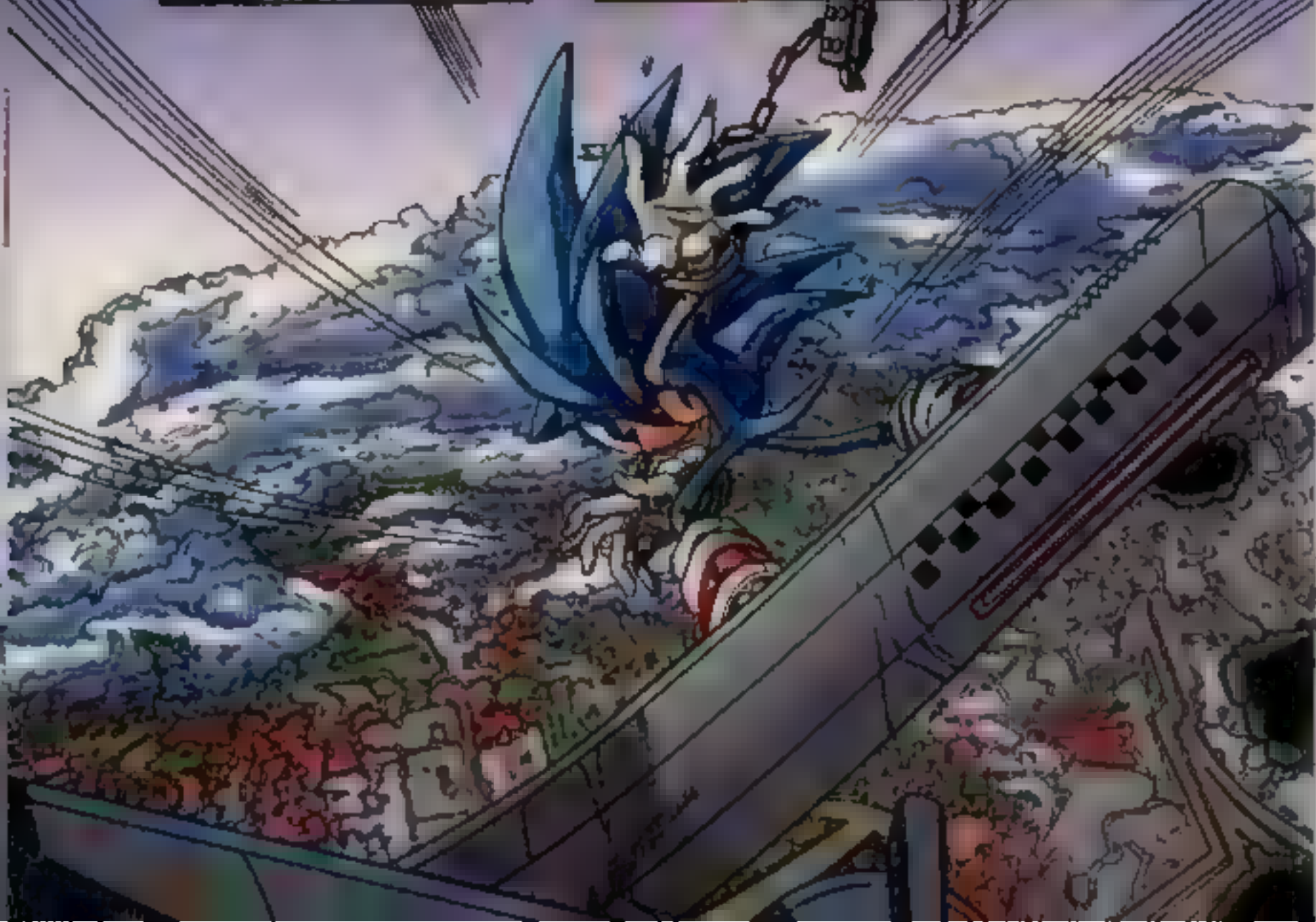
GET THAT
HEDGEHOG

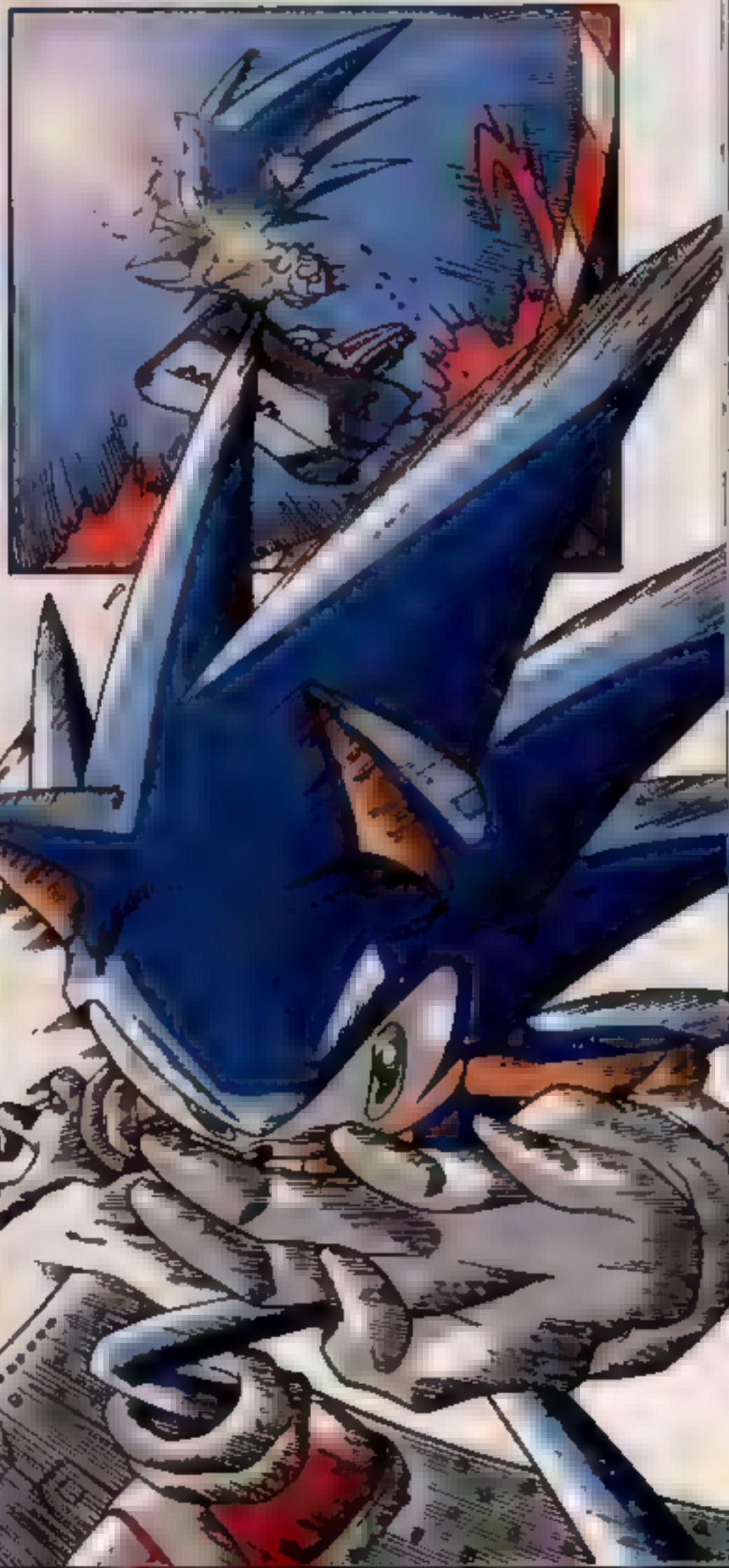
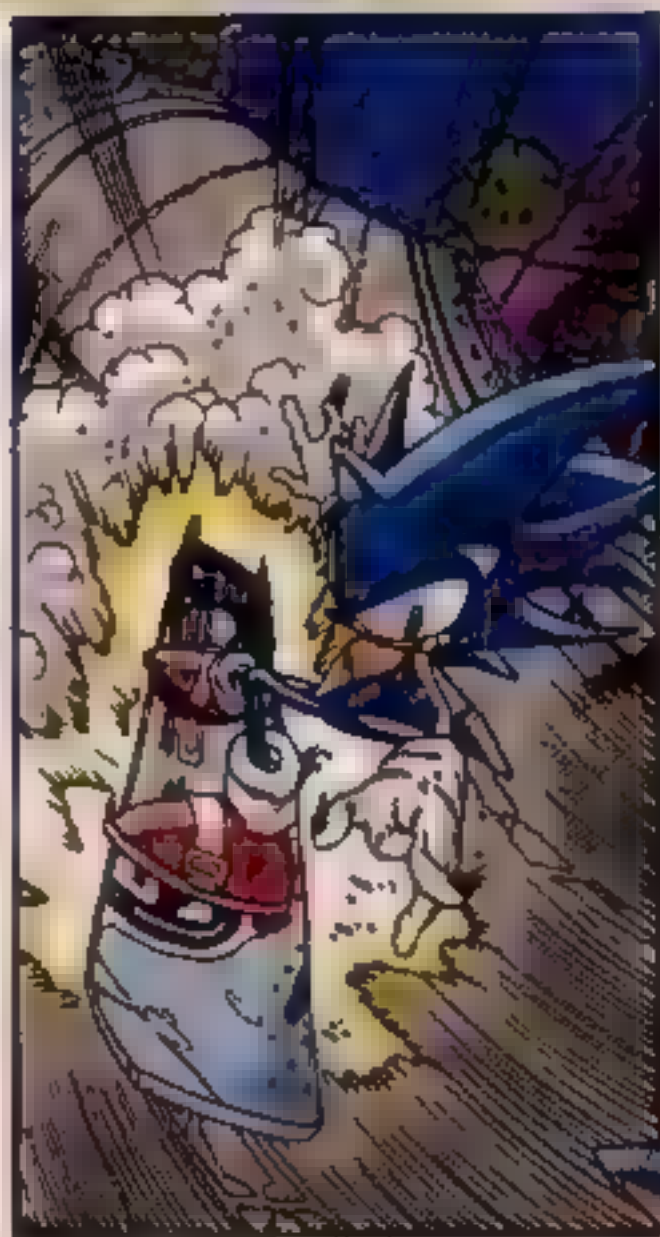
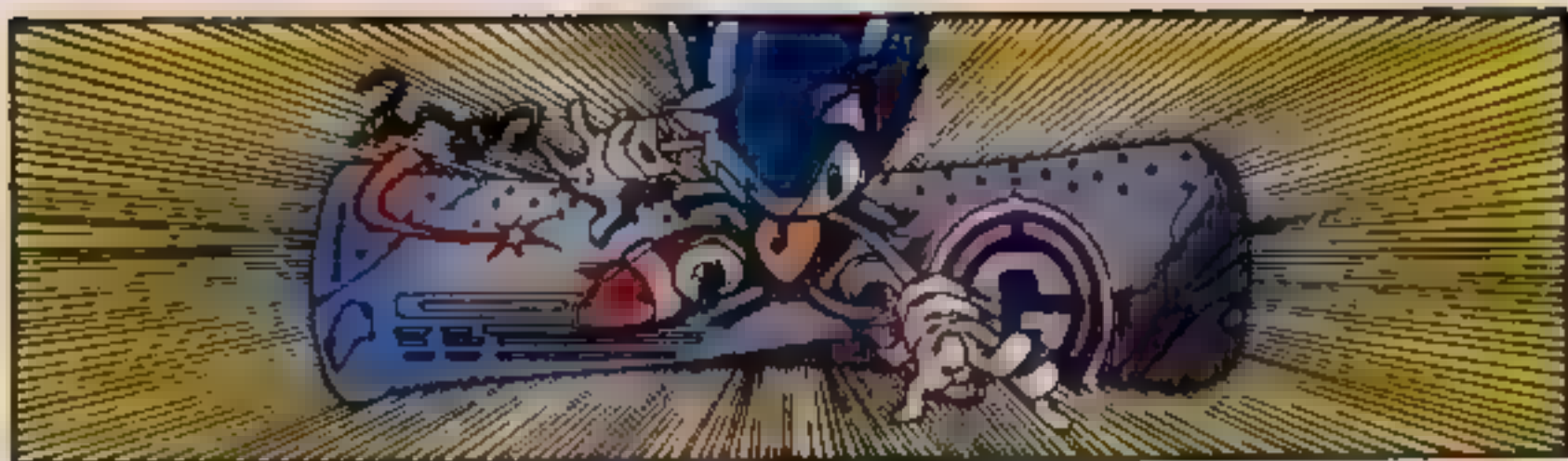


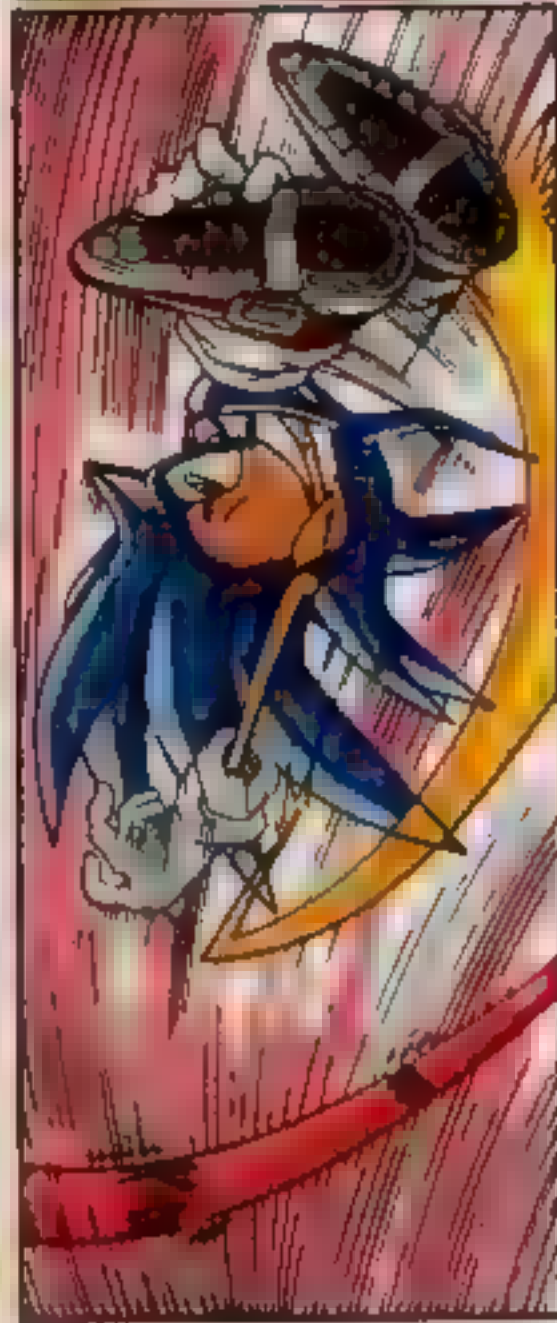
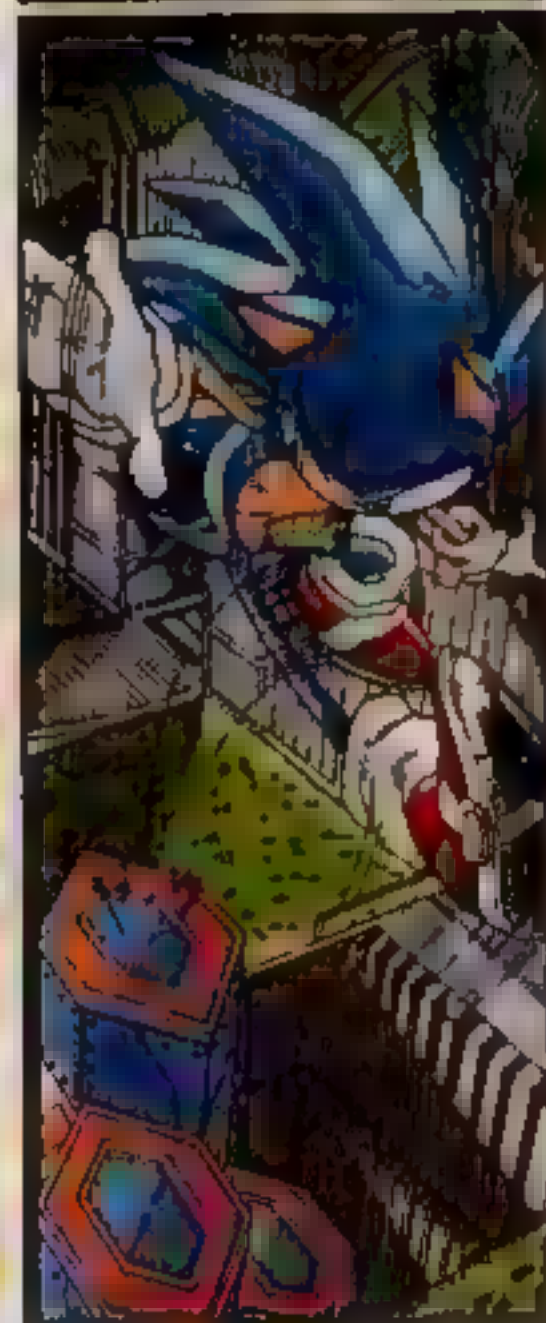
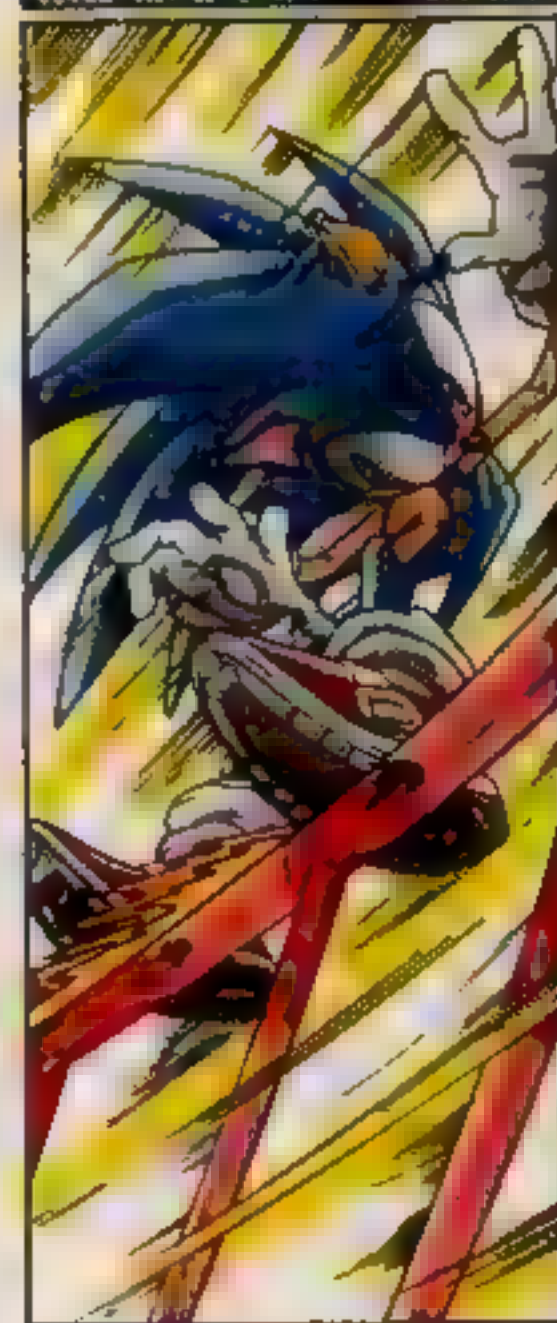
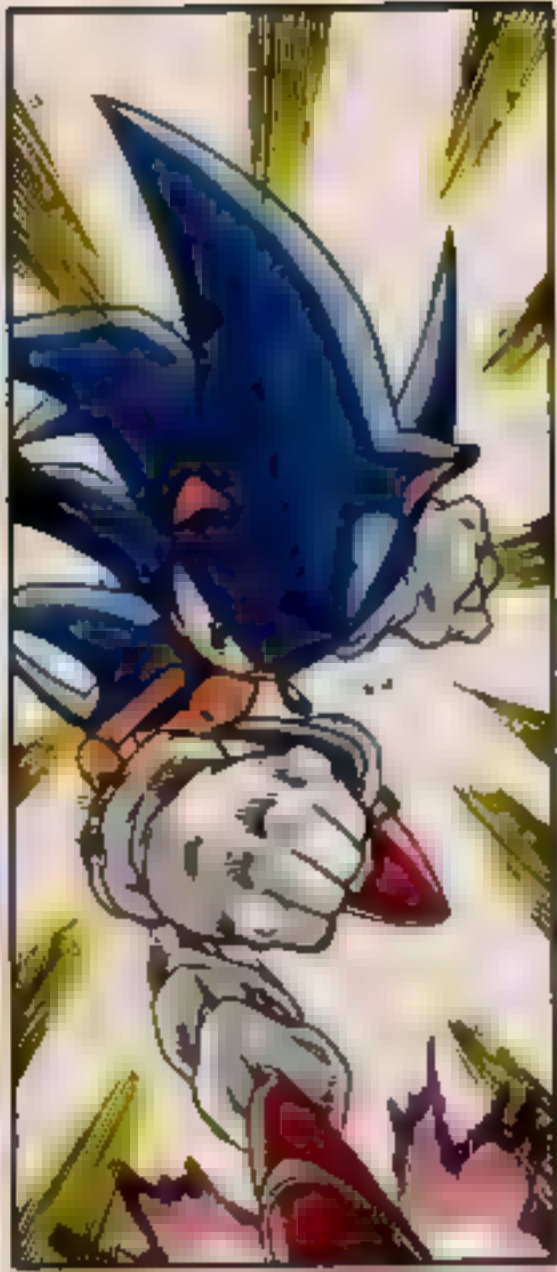
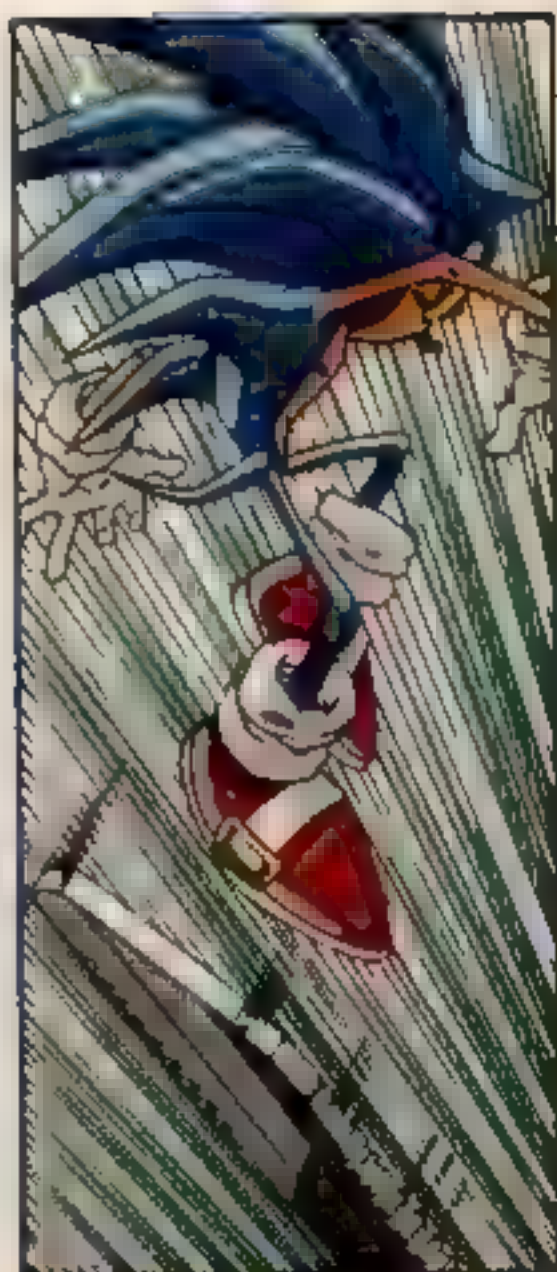
TALK ABOUT
LOW-BUDGET
FLIGHTS--NO
FOOD OR MOVIES
I'M OUTTA
HERE.

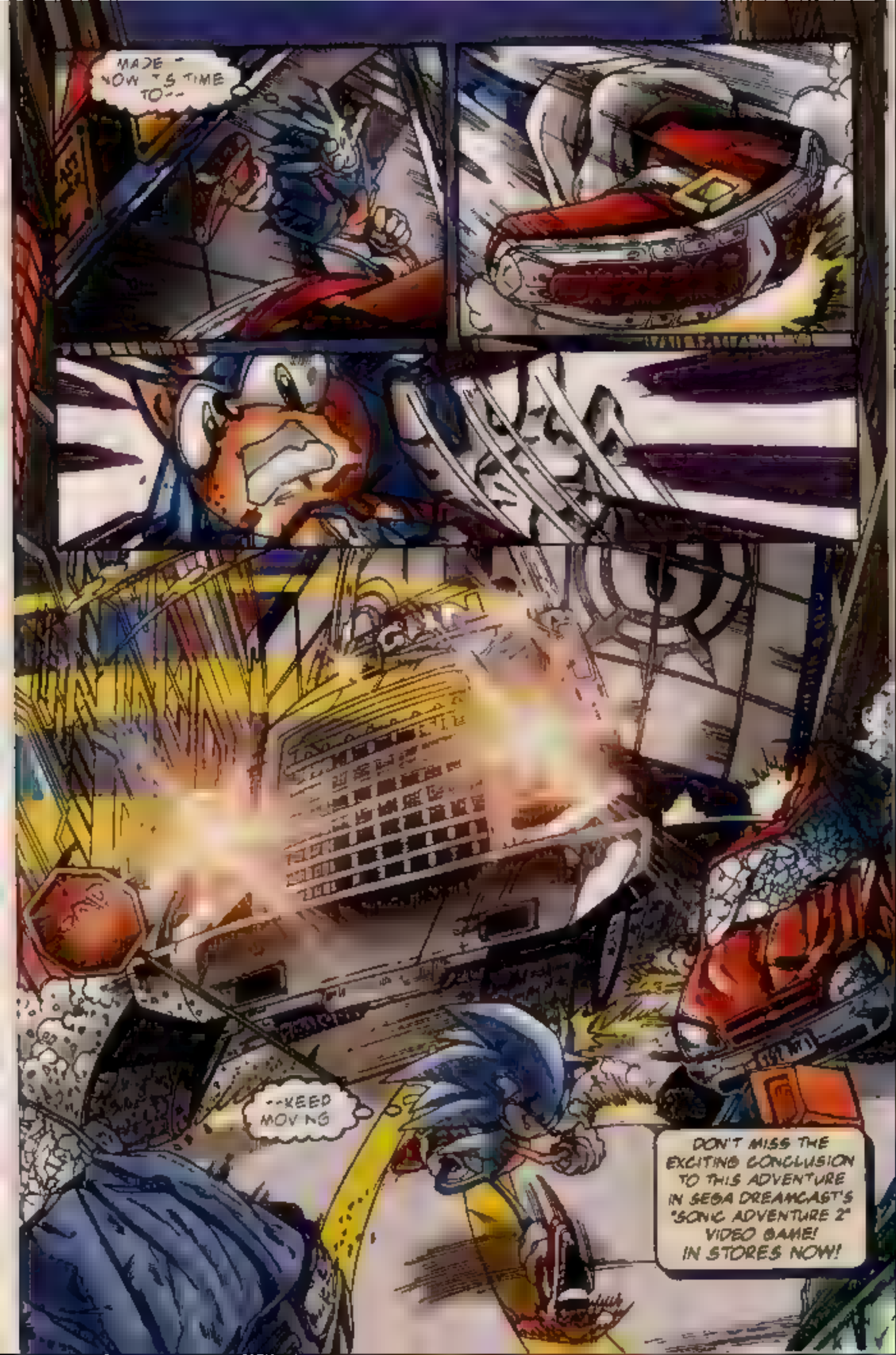


SDES
I'D FEEL BETTER
RUNNING!









MADE -
NOW 'S TIME
TO--

--KEEP
MOVING

DON'T MISS THE
EXCITING CONCLUSION
TO THIS ADVENTURE
IN SEGA DREAMCAST'S
"SONIC ADVENTURE 2"
VIDEO GAME!
IN STORES NOW!

OUR TALE BEGINS SOME TIME AGO. HOW LONG IS UNCERTAIN, BUT WHAT IS KNOWN IS THAT IT ALL STARTED UPON THE ARK, A REVOLUTIONARY STATE-OF-THE-ART SPACE LABORATORY CREATED BY THE WORLD-RENNED SCIENTIST PROFESSOR GERALD, WHOM WE SEE STANDING BEFORE US ON THE COMMAND DECK...

AFTER ALL THE LONG YEARS OF RESEARCH AND WORK, INCLUDING A WORKING PROTOTYPE, THE NEXT FEW MOMENTS WILL REVEAL WHETHER I'LL HAVE ACHIEVED MY ULTIMATE SUCCESS--

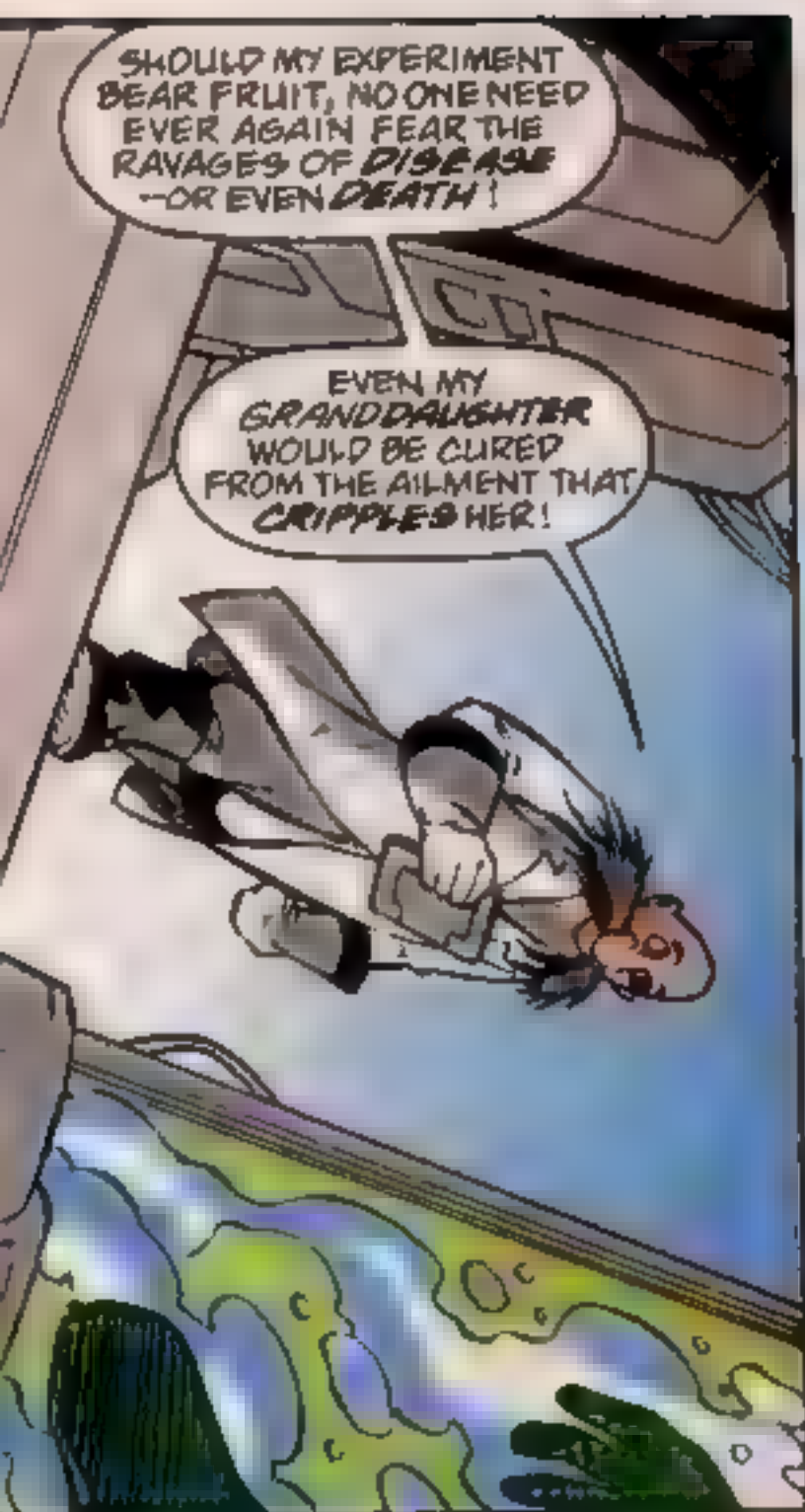
--OR MOST CATASTROPHIC FAILURE!

FOR THE SAKE OF ALL--ESPECIALLY MY BELOVED MARIA--THE SECRET OF IMMORTALITY WILL BE UNLOCKED--

I WAS A YOUNG MAN WHEN I LEFT THE OVERLANDERS FOR MY RESEARCH-- FINDING AND MAKING A LIFE IN THE HIDDEN CITY. NOW I AM AN OLD MAN WITH MY LIFE'S WORK IN FRONT OF ME

AS THE
Shadow
AWAKES!

ANOTHER SEGA-INSPIRED EPIC AS RELATED BY:
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SHOULD MY EXPERIMENT
BEAR FRUIT, NO ONE NEED
EVER AGAIN FEAR THE
RAVAGES OF DISEASE
--OR EVEN DEATH!

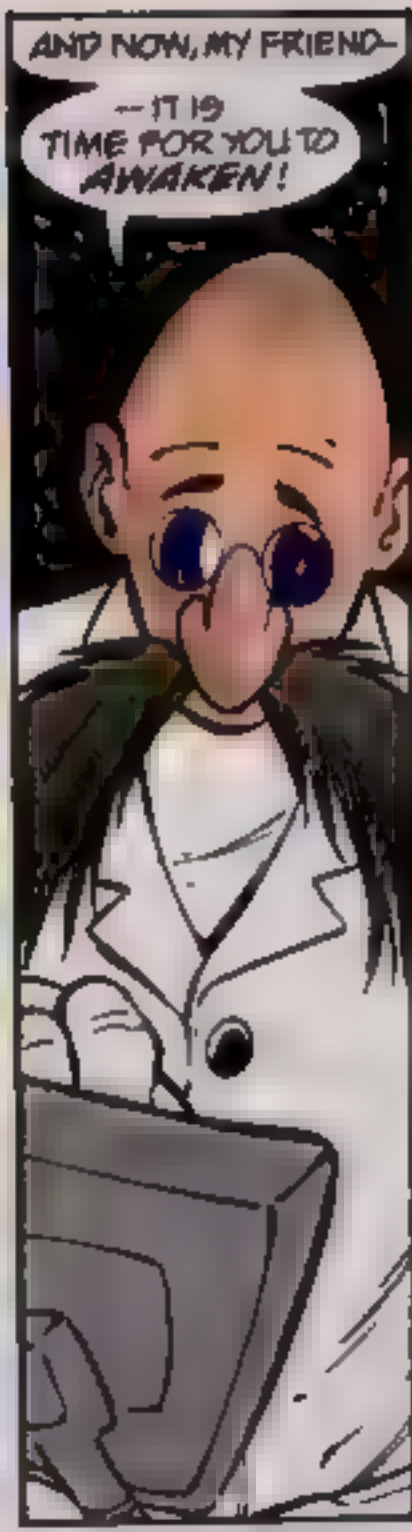
EVEN MY
GRANDDAUGHTER
WOULD BE CURED
FROM THE AILMENT THAT
CRIPPLES HER!



HOW IRONIC THAT OF
ALL THE CREATURES WHO
RESIDE ON MOBILUS--

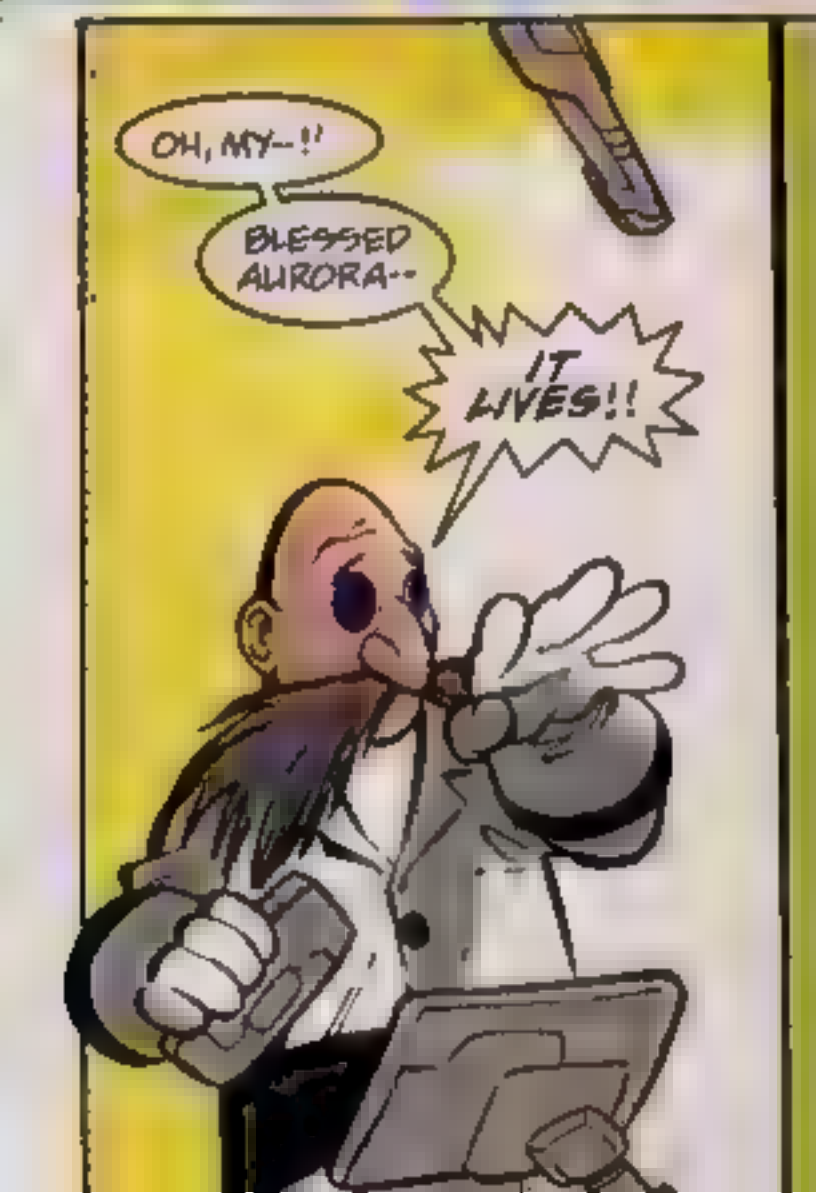
--IT WAS
YOUR SPECIES'
BIOLOGY THAT WAS
THE UNIVERSAL
CONSTANT!

I COULD
NEVER HAVE MADE
PROGRESS IF NOT
FOR THAT!



AND NOW, MY FRIEND--

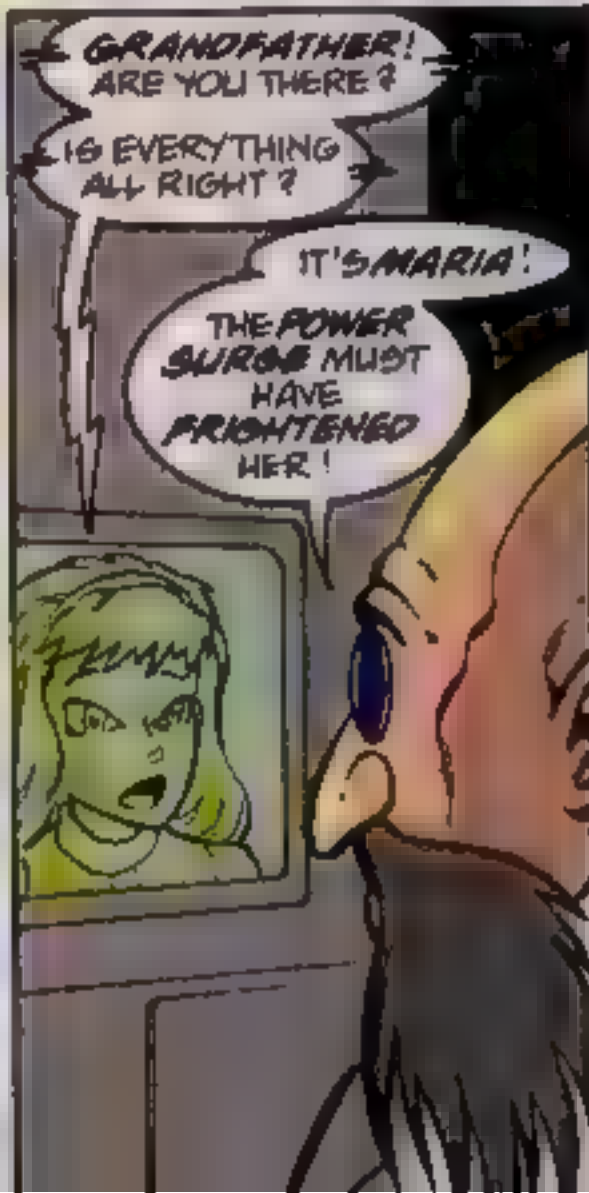
--IT IS
TIME FOR YOU TO
AWAKEN!



OH, MY--!!

BLESSED
AURORA--

IT
LIVES!!



GRANDFATHER!
ARE YOU THERE?

IS EVERYTHING
ALL RIGHT?

IT'S MARIA!

THE POWER
SURGE MUST
HAVE
FRIGHTENED
HER!

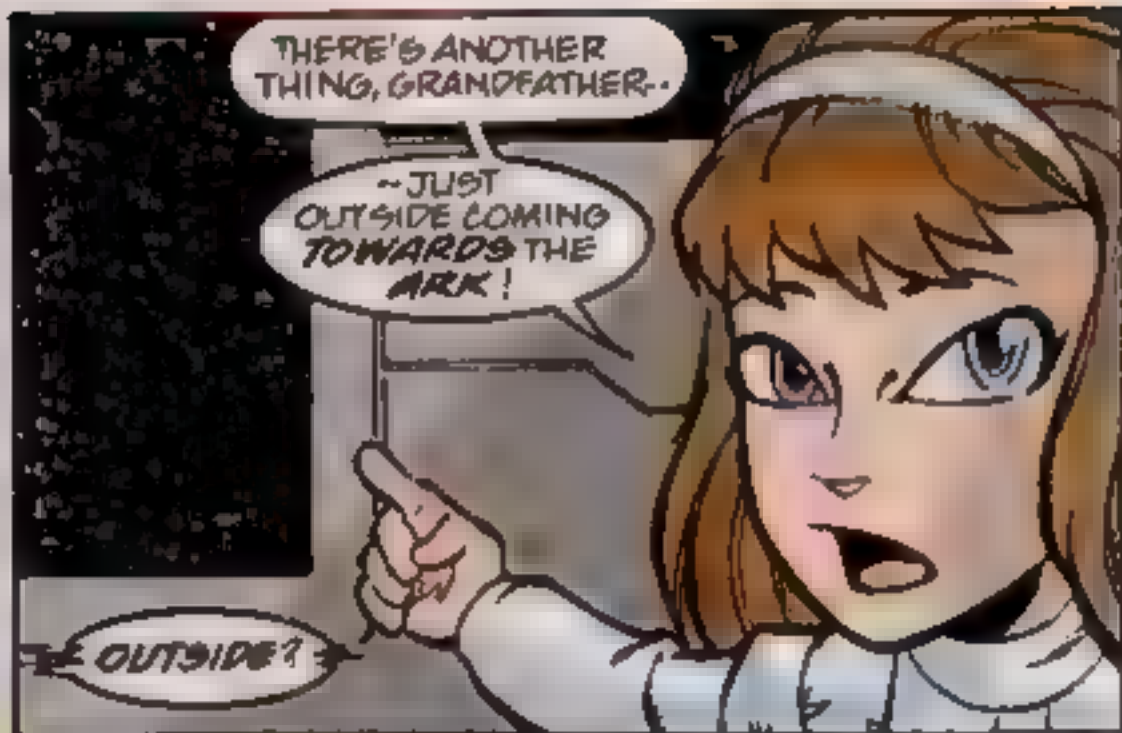


YES, MARIA!
I'M HERE!

EVERYTHING'S
FINE! HOW ARE
YOU DOING?

OKAY—
I GUESS!

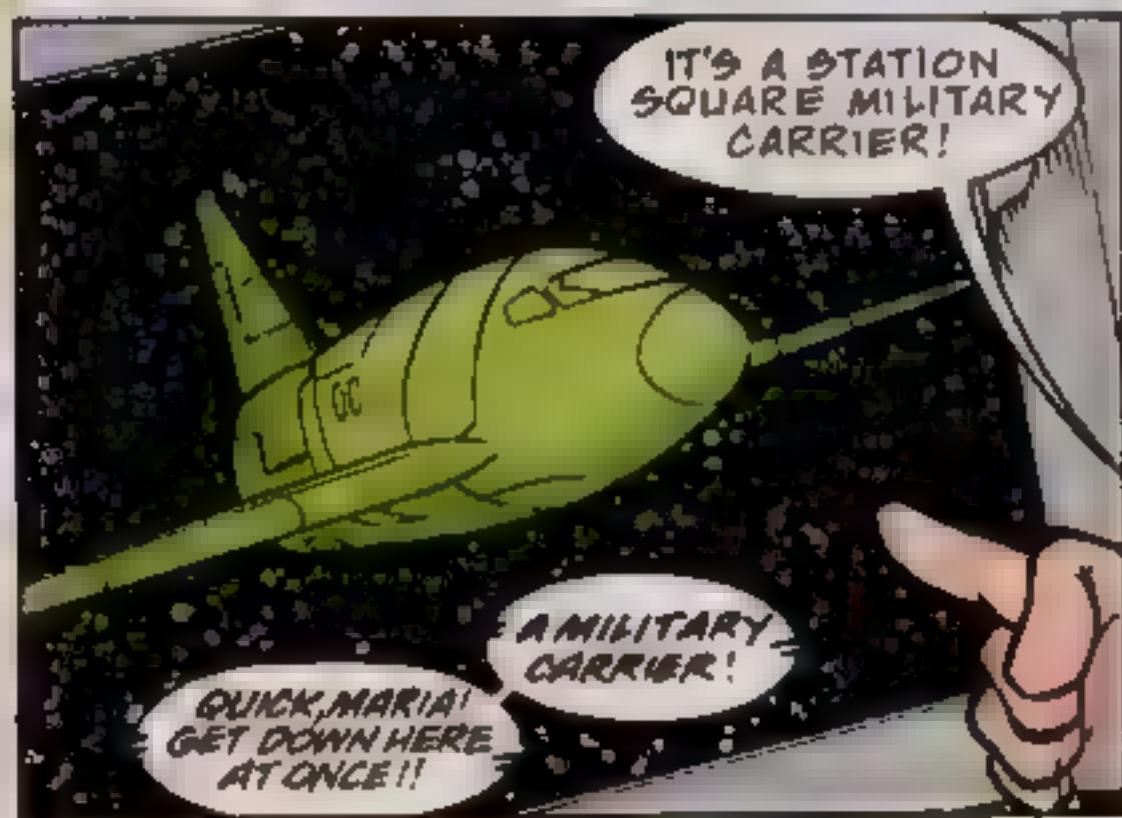
I GOT
SCARED
WHEN
THE LIGHTS
DIMMED!



THERE'S ANOTHER
THING, GRANDFATHER..

~JUST
OUTSIDE COMING
TOWARDS THE
ARK!

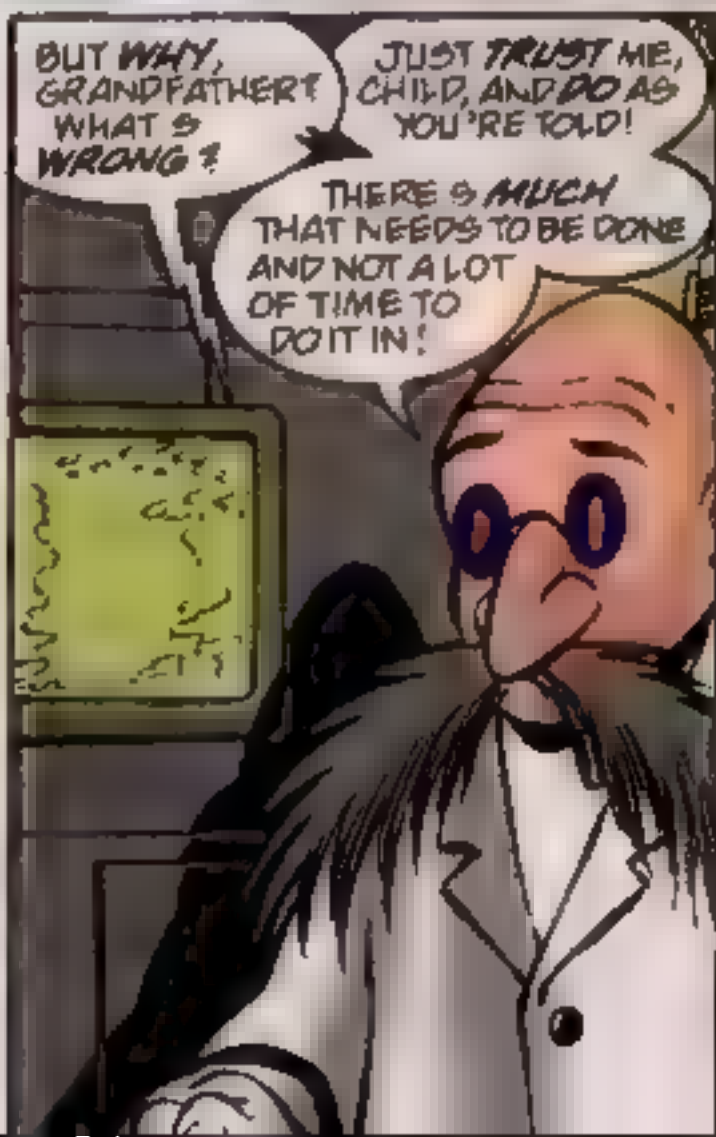
OUTSIDE?



IT'S A STATION
SQUARE MILITARY
CARRIER!

A MILITARY
CARRIER!

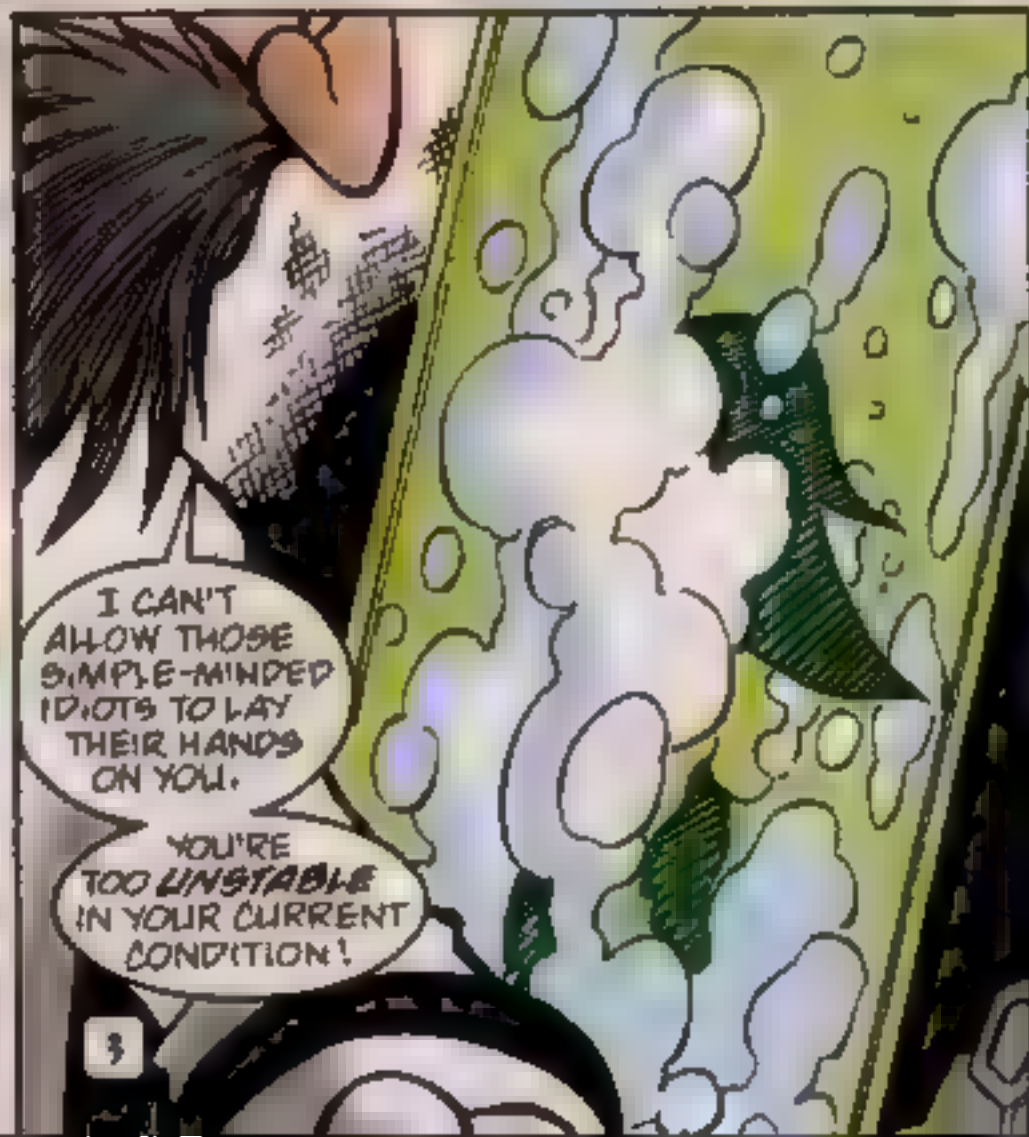
QUICK, MARIA!
GET DOWN HERE
AT ONCE!!



BUT WHY,
GRANDFATHER?
WHAT'S
WRONG?

JUST TRUST ME,
CHILD, AND DO AS
YOU'RE TOLD!

THERE'S MUCH
THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE
AND NOT A LOT
OF TIME TO
DO IT IN!



I CAN'T
ALLOW THOSE
SIMPLE-MINDED
IDIOTS TO LAY
THEIR HANDS
ON YOU.

YOU'RE
TOO UNSTABLE
IN YOUR CURRENT
CONDITION!

ETA* IN
LESS THAN
ONE MINUTE,
COLONEL!

GET READY TO MOVE
AS SOON AS WE
DOCK, MEN!

*ETA--ESTIMATED TIME
OF ARRIVAL--CAPT JUSTIN

BA-
DOOM!

*) SINCE THERE IS NO AIR IN SPACE
AND THEREFORE NO SOUND, WE
TOOK A BIT OF ARTISTIC LICENSE,
JUST LIKE THEY DO IN THE MOVIES.

BE READY FOR
ANYTHING,
MEN!

IN THE WRONG HANDS,
CODENAME SHADOW CAN
BE A MOST FORMIDABLE
WEAPON!

BUT, SIR, WHAT DO WE HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT?

ACCORDING TO THE BRIEFING,
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE HERE BUT AN OLD
SCIENTIST AND HIS CRIPPLED
GRANDDAUGHTER!

LIEUTENANT,
THAT "OLD
SCIENTIST" MAY
JUST HAVE A
NASTY
SURPRISE OR
TWO WAITING
FOR US!

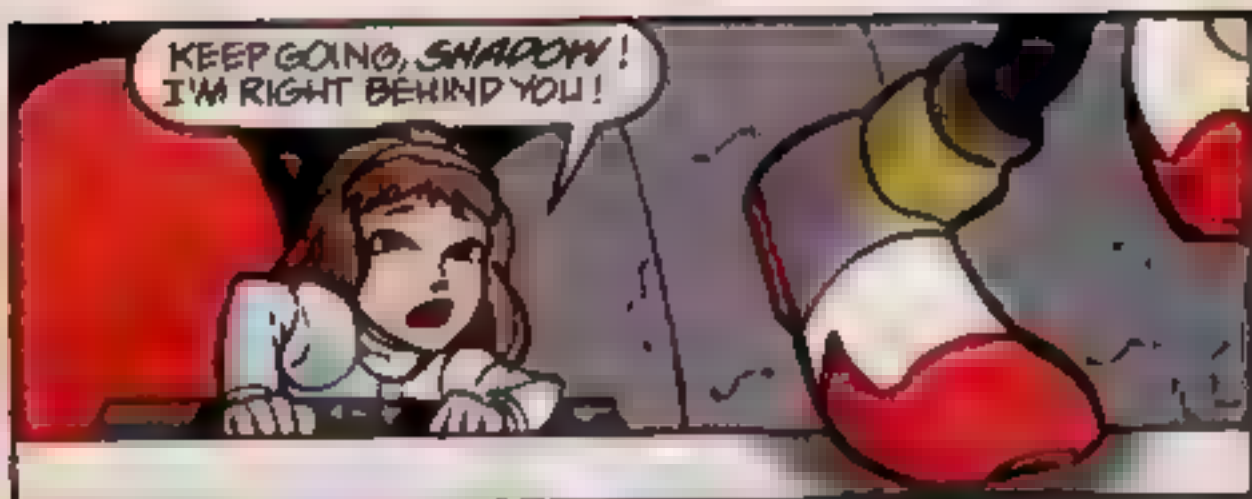
Y'SEE, HE DOESN'T BELIEVE
CODENAME SHADOW SHOULD BE
TURNED OVER TO THE MILITARY!



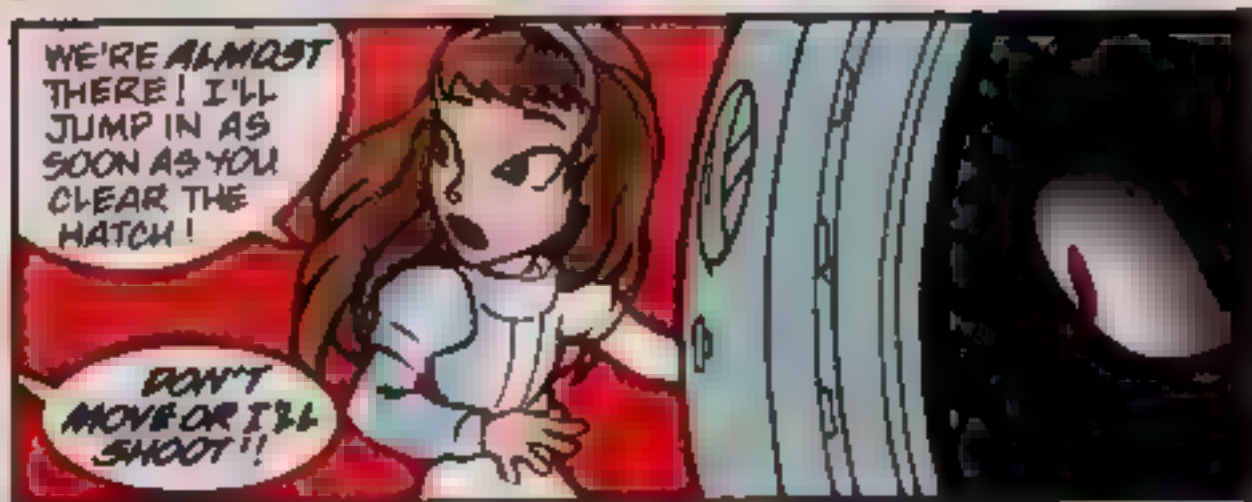
BUT, GRANDFATHER, WHAT ABOUT YOU?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, MARIA! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

JUST SEE TO IT THAT YOU AND SHADOW GET TO THE ESCAPE POD!



KEEP GOING, SHADOW! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!



WE'RE ALMOST THERE! I'LL JUMP IN AS SOON AS YOU CLEAR THE HATCH!

DON'T MOVE OR I'LL SHOOT!!



UNGH!



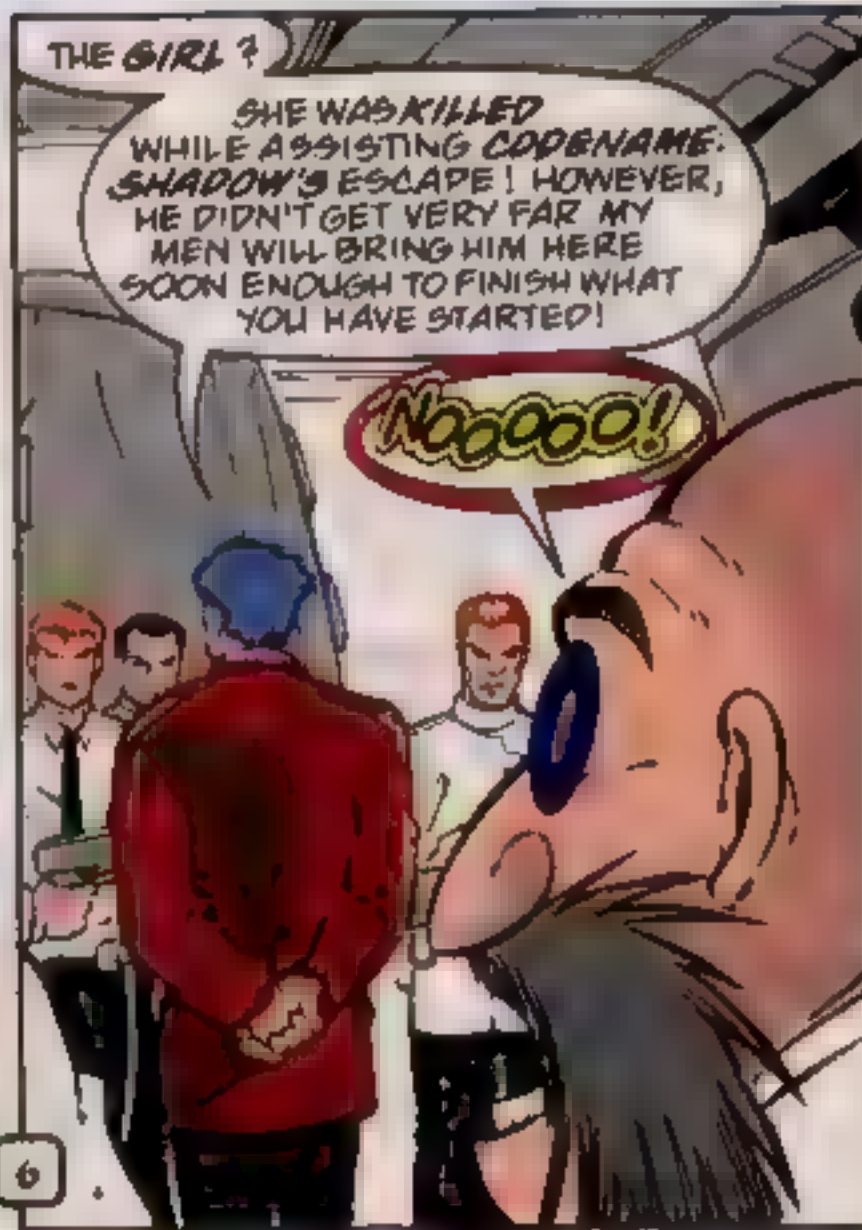
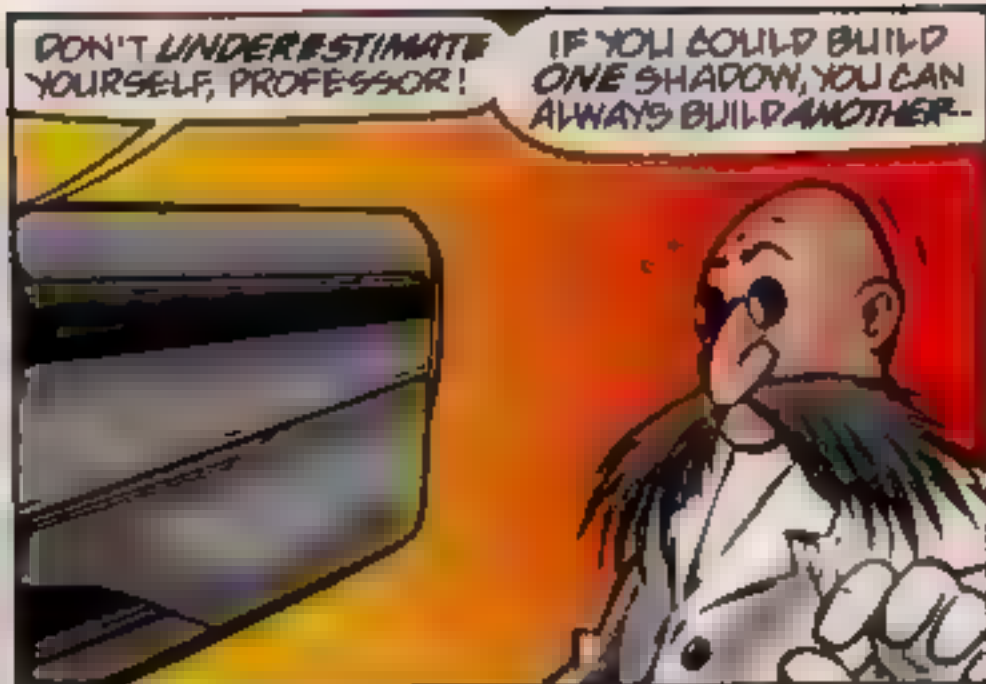
STUPID GIRL!

WE'RE TOO LATE!

WHATEVER WAS IN THE POD--



"...IS NOW GONE! PUT A TRACE ON IT IMMEDIATELY!"

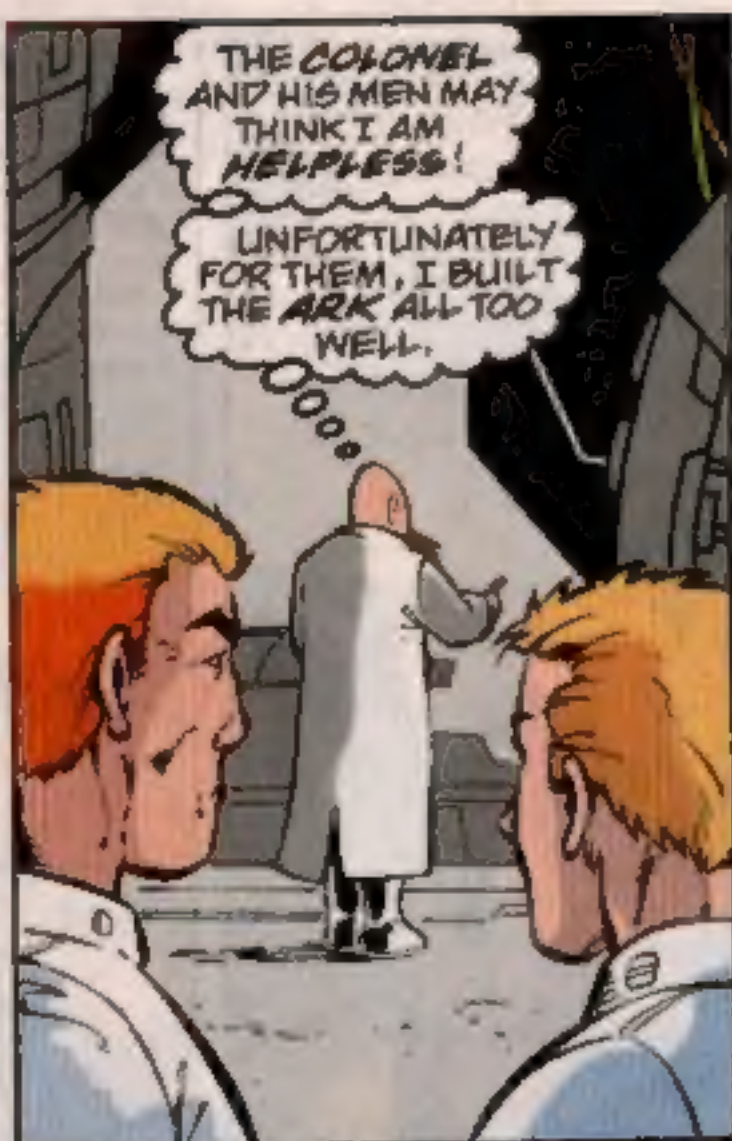




I'LL MAKE THOSE **BUTCHERS** PAY A **THOUSAND-FOLD** FOR WHAT THEY DID TO MY MARIA--

--EVEN IF I HAVE TO **OBLITERATE** A PLANET IN THE PROCESS!

WHAT **MEANING** HAS LIFE FOR ME NOW?



THE **COLONEL** AND HIS MEN MAY THINK I AM **HELPLESS!**

UNFORTUNATELY FOR THEM, I BUILT THE **ARK** ALL TOO WELL.

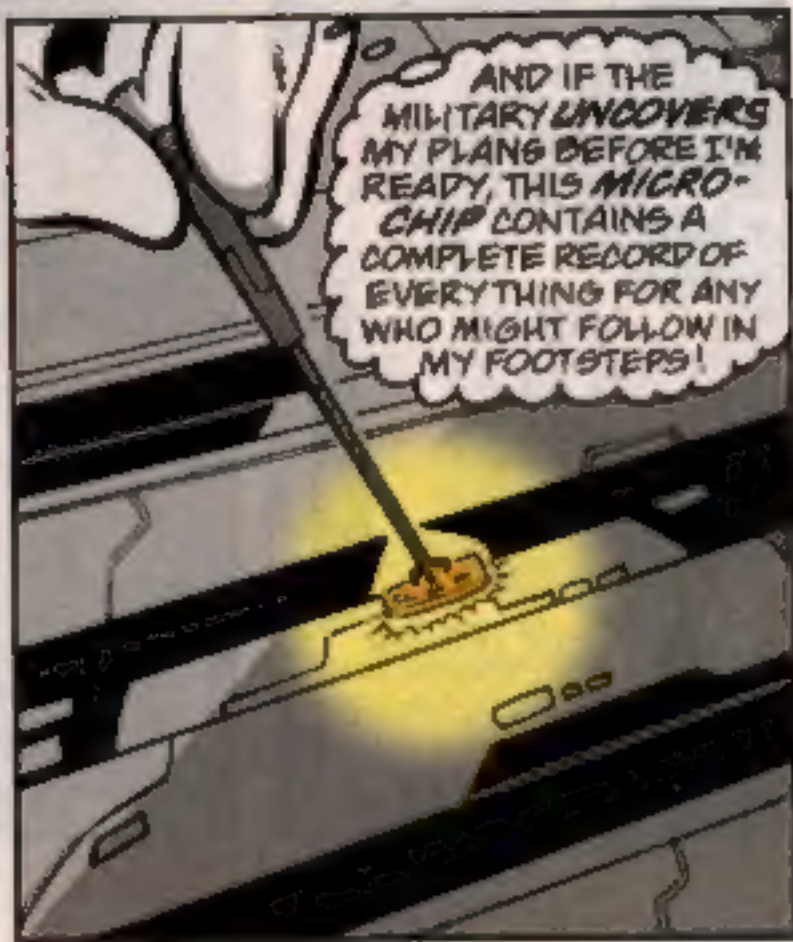


CONTAINED WITHIN ITS CORE SUPER-STRUCTURE IS THE **ECLIPSE CANNON!**

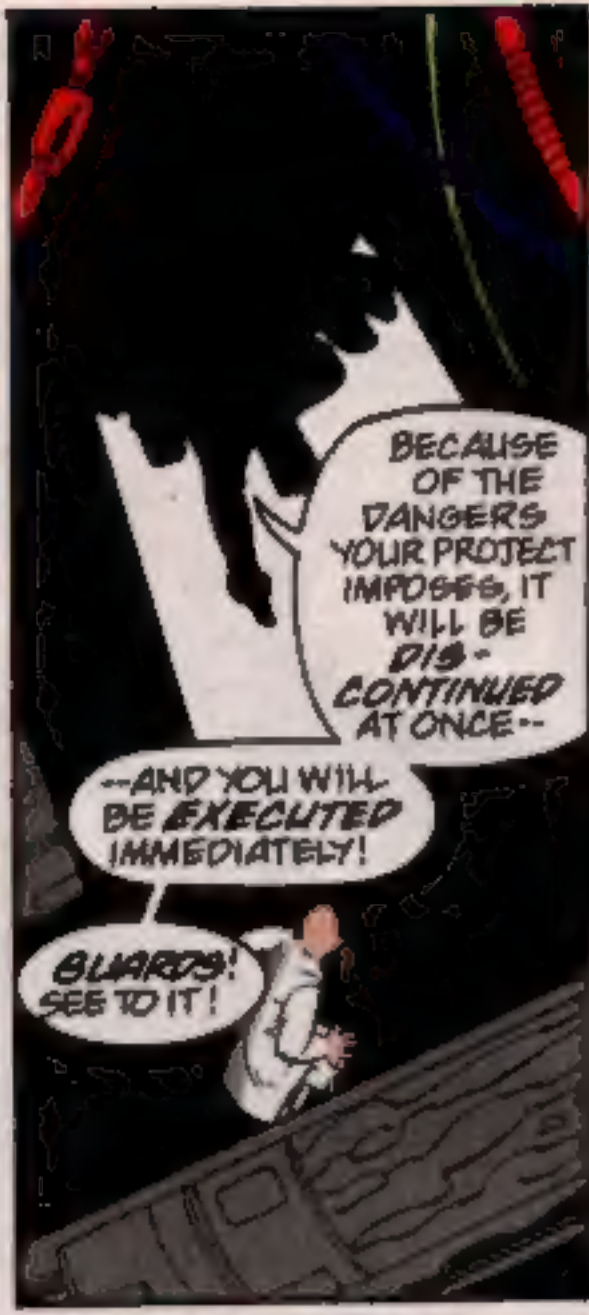
WITH A BIT OF **CREATIVE PROGRAMMING**, NOT ONLY WILL THE CANNON UNLEASH A **DEADLY LASER** POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CARVE UP THE WORLD--



--BUT SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN TO ME, MY **BIO-MATTER** DOWNLOADED INTO **SHADOW** WILL ENSURE HE BECOMES MY **AGENT OF REVENGE!**

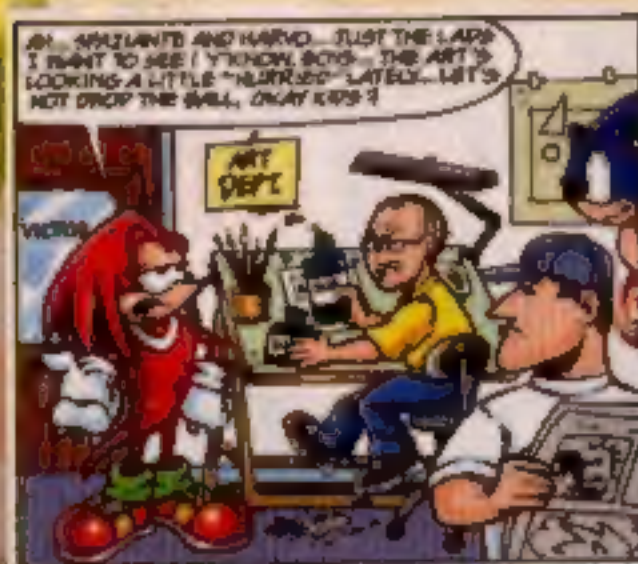


AND IF THE **MILITARY UNCOVERS** MY PLANS BEFORE I'M READY, THIS **MICRO-CHIP** CONTAINS A COMPLETE RECORD OF EVERYTHING FOR ANY WHO MIGHT FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS!



HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR TIE-INS TO WHAT IS SURE TO BE THE BEST SONIC GAME YET, DEAR READER! WRITE IN TO TELL US WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF OUR STORIES, AND RELATE TO US YOUR EXPERIENCE PLAYING SONIC ADVENTURE 2!!!

NOTE TO CONTINUITY BUDDS: BE HERE NEXT ISSUE WHEN KNUCKLES RETURNS--ALONG WITH THE DARK LEGION, NO LESS! "NUFF SAID!"



OFF PANEL by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

WITH
KEN PENDERS

Before any of you start bombarding us with letters inquiring about any of the new characters or questions concerning the new Sonic Adventure 2 game itself, I have to level with you. I couldn't answer you guys (at least not at this time), because none of us at Archie have even played the game. At most, maybe Spai tried out the demo that was previewed with cartoon game odes, but beyond that, all we had to work with were a few JPEGs and the briefest of descriptions concerning the characters and the story lines, as the game developers insisted on absolute secrecy. At the moment, it's hard to say if or when any of these new guys will make another appearance, but if the right opportunity comes along and enough of you want to see more, I suppose anything's possible. As it is, I'd love to work in Big the Cat and E-102 from the first Sonic Adventure game into future stories, but I haven't been able to do that just yet, either.

Going on to another subject, one I've been promising to address but haven't yet. That's right, fan art. Since I'm the one going through all the submissions, resulting in blood-shot eyes and a serious case of ulcers (like how do you select this 8 year-old fan's drawing over that 9 year-old's drawing when they're both pretty terrific?), I've decided to come up with a quick list of guidelines for all honest submissions.

This will not only make it easier on me but also clear up confusion on your part. So here goes:

1) Clearly PRINT your name, age, city and state on the BACK of your drawing. Not everyone does this, and we've been unable to print more than a few since there's always a chance the drawings get separated from the envelopes they're sent in.

2) All fan art should be in COLOR. I don't care if you use crayons, markers, colored pencils, your mother's hair-coloring dye, whatever. And if you're only drawing a figure, you don't need to worry about coloring the background, so long as the figure is complete.

3) If drawing on paper (as opposed to doing a computer rendering) it should be on PLAIN paper, (as opposed to using lined paper you typically write your book report on for school).

4) Computer drawings are acceptable, but must be submitted in the TIF or JPEG format only at 300 DPI. With these guidelines, all you need now is your imagination to get started. As for the fan art page itself, it will be featured on a space permitting basis, depending on a number of factors that go into the production of a monthly series like this.

One final note before I segue into your letters. Since we're going to present feature pages in upcoming issues answering everything you'd like to know about our characters—including such data as height, weight, age, etc.—I'd like to shift the focus on the letters page from answering general questions to talking about what you liked or disliked about the stories themselves. Therefore, those letters talking about the current issue will receive priority over those that simply ask a question about a character. And yeah, I know I'm probably sounding like your teachers or parents, but I want to make this the best letters page in comics, and I know you guys are up to the job. So, why not push you to do better?

Take care. *Ken*

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited. Thanks for understanding!

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NEXT ISSUE

Karl jumps right back into the story line he left off with in SONIC #97, as Sonic continues his quest for Arachnis and the Sword, and Sally does a disguise in order to sneak out of Castle Acorn in search of her beloved hedgehog. As for Mina, Elias, Geoffrey and Robotnik, that would be telling, so I won't spoil any of Karl's surprises.

As for KNUCKLES, something on the Floating Island has attracted the attention of Dimitri and his Dark Legion. Could it be everyone's favorite echidna? And if so, in which time zone? Be here for "What Comes Around Goes Around", an epic of time, space and possessing the ultimate power, which leads right into the stunning conclusion in SONIC #100.

Now let's check out your letters, the first of which I decided to go with, because it addresses a real serious issue that we here at Archie wrestle with all the time:

Dear Ken Penders,

I'm just writing to say how brilliant the current story line is. I know there are some people who think it's not as good as before, but they are wrong. I love the new Robotnik—he is totally insane, which makes him such a fun character! Mina is also a fantastic new character. She has a lot in common with Sonic, since both their families were robotized, and they both share an amazing gift, SUPER SPEED! The current story in Knuckles is also the best it's been. Poor old Knux! He's all alone now. Is it true that one of the freedom fighters gets robotized in issue 100? Anyway got to go now!! Thank you for taking the time to read this.

James Giles

As much as we're happy that you enjoy the book, James, that doesn't mean we won't keep trying to make it better next issue. With the demanding audience this book has, that's a lot easier said than done!

Dear Sonic-Gramps or Ken Penders,

I'm not sure how this works, but I heard or read that any emails I send to you will be sent to Sonic-Gramps. But anyway, I finally got the money to buy the comics that would fill in the gaps in my collection. But in my haste to send it away, I forgot to sign it and take off a receipt. I would like to get a receipt for my personal records. I am forever in your debt!

A faithful reader and customer,

Diana A. Trevino

The good folks at Archie work hard to make sure everyone's order is processed properly and in a timely manner. When there's a problem, however, things go a lot easier if you send a detailed letter with all your information (name, full address, phone number, description of items ordered and form of payment rendered) to the proper department through the Archie website (www.archiecomics.com). The last thing anyone wants is an unhappy reader.

Dear Sonic Crew,

I just finished reading Sonic #96, and I read how you wanted to attract new readers as well as keep the old fans satisfied. What about a revised Sonic comic? A "revarop", as I think it's called. Both Ultimate Spider-Man and Ultimate X-Men have become big hits, so why not make an Ultimate Sonic? Oh, and will there be made any special merchandise to celebrate issue #100? Some posters perhaps? A Tails poster would be awesome! And maybe you could have some competitions, where you could win original art from the comics! Keep up the good work!

Eivind Kirkeby, Norway

About a year or so before our marvelous competition even thought about it, Spaz and I did have something planned like you suggested, only it was going to be a one-shot effort scheduled for publication in the SONIC SUPER SPECIALS. The biggest obstacle was Spaz finding the time to do it, as it was 40 pages long and very ambitious in concept. Maybe we'll get the chance somewhere down the pike in the not-too-distant future. As for the merchandise, we just produce the comics. You'll have to check elsewhere for all the nifty stuff that various manufacturers are producing under license from Sega.

Best Regards,

Once again, I found the back of the book story more interesting than the lead story. Although, I must say, putting Nelson Rabiers in for James Fry was an excellent idea. No offense to Fry, but the anime style was completely out of place in the comic. I am curious as to what Sonic's disguise will be, and if it'll be part of a Shadow/Sonic Adventure 2 thing. The back story is amazing. Since it appears that the Chosen One Tails form is Turbo Tails, meaning we'll get

some explanation of the Sonic #56 "Immortality is forever...life is finite!" I like Ron Lim's art, but it seems a little narrowed, like he uses wider paper to pencil and then it's narrowed for size. Since the Super Specials are no longer, maybe the old way of producing specials will come back. They weren't too special when they started scheduling them and they ran out of stories. Although, they did end before "Knuckles: 20 Years Later" and Patrick Sparsante's Manga story, both would've been very interesting. Here's an idea for a special have one where the original writers and artists come back. Mike Gallagher with Scott Shaw, Angela Decasare with Dave Marzak, and Mike Kauterovitch with Art Hawthorn. I'd buy it!

Andrew Sautter, Simi Valley, CA

So would I, especially if I could work once again with Mike & who was my writing partner when we started working on SONIC way back in #11. (Those were the days, my friend, we'd thought they'd never end... excuse me for getting nostalgic, guys. Now, where's the kleenex?)

And finally, it seems that interest in our upcoming WHO'S WHO feature pages is going to generate a ton of suggestions, as you can see in the following correspondence...

Dear Sonic-gramps,

The character and place I would like to see are Vector, because very little is known of his past, and perhaps a before-and-after map of Mobotropolis/Robotropolis. Thanks, and keep up the fantastic work!

antloga

I can't say for sure just yet when Vector will be appearing, but look for the Robotropolis feature page in SONIC #102.

I think you should do a page on Mina, because not many people know about her.

TWeb50

Eventually,

My choices go to Mina, Rob' O the Hedgehog, and especially Mack the Weasel. I would love for you to put any of these characters in this spotlight, as I am dying to know their history and such info.

Nukem999

I've heard rumors that Mina the Hongoose is gonna become Sonic's girlfriend. Is this true? Oh, and if ya know anywhere at all where I can get a profile/character design sheet/pics of her? She's one o' my fav characters.

princesssonya

Two more votes for Mina! Looks like we may have a new fan favorite. And on that note, here's hoping everyone stays healthy and happy and comes back next issue. Take care.

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